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First 'Jewish terror' defendant convicted

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first of 27 suspects arrested in connection with the alleged Jewish terrorist underground in the territories was convicted yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court of supplying 30 mines to his alleged associates.

Noam Yinnon, 27, of Moshav Keshet, in the Golan Heights, pleaded guilty to lesser charges than he originally faced which had included attempted murder. This was the result of plea bargaining between his lawyer and the prosecution.

His conviction will probably serve as something of a breakthrough, since it will stand as indisputable evidence when the court comes to consider the alleged crimes of Yinnon's associates.

Yinnon pleaded guilty to charges that he transported 30 Syrian mines from his moshav to another moshav in April. He had originally been charged with belonging to the conspiracy to blow up five Arab-owned buses, but the prosecution agreed to drop all but the transport of explosives charges after realizing that he was a dupe for the leaders of the gang.

According to Yinnon, he was approached by someone who asked him to transport the mines "for an important matter for the people of Israel," but he knew nothing about the plot or the planned purpose of the mines.

A legal source last night described Yinnon as "the smallest fish" in the group, but indicated that other defendants in the case might also have some of the charges against them dropped on the basis of confessions to other charges.

A hearing has been scheduled for Sunday in the same court that convicted Yinnon to determine his sentence. At that time the defence is expected to bring witnesses to testify to his good character. He can get up to 10 years in jail for the crime for which he was convicted.

Two army officers go to the district court tomorrow to find out whether they will be held in police custody until the end of their trial and to fight against a prosecution request to waive the ban on publication of their names. On Thursday the other 24 defendants will go through a situation hearing.



Noam Yinnon (Harari)

Knesset to debate handling of Jewish terrorist suspects

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday voted to hold a full-scale debate on "the expressions by public figures" and "receptions arranged" for the Jewish terrorist suspects.

The subject was raised in a motion for the agenda by Shlomo Hillel (Alignment), who criticized the police and Interior Minister Yosef Burg for the "picnic atmosphere" that prevailed at the Russian Compound in Jerusalem, where the suspects are being held.

He also faulted the police for permitting a solidarity demonstration for the suspects there in the guise of an assembly in memory of Aharon Grinss, the yeshiva student murdered in the Hebron terror last July.

Hillel also criticized Deputy Knesset Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidon and other public figures for having given support and encouragement to Jewish terrorists.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg agreed that a debate be held. As to demonstrations, he said, he himself was for a restrictive policy, but the Supreme Court had overruled the police.

Burg denied that there is a double standard in the treatment of the Jewish terrorist suspects. Since most of their families live far from Jerusalem, the families were permitted to visit them and bring them food, said Burg.

Cohen-Avidon moved that Hillel's motion be struck from the agenda. He said that he had never publicly been identified with Jewish terror or a Jewish underground.

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NRP split looms as two form own faction

Post Knesset Reporter

Two leading members of the National Religious Party were recognized yesterday morning by the Knesset House Committee as a separate Knesset faction, thereby further intensifying the possibility of a break-up of the NRP.

However, the recognition of Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Yehuda Ben-Meir as a faction named Geshet (bridge) does not necessarily mean that a split in the NRP will actually take place as talks aimed at healing differences in the party are continuing.

For the time being, though, the NRP's Knesset faction has been reduced to three: Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Avraham Melamed and Eliezer Avtali.

Hammer told Kol Yisrael yesterday that despite the House Committee's action - taken in response to a request submitted Monday by Ben-Meir - his talks with Burg are continuing, in the hope that agreement will be reached on a joint NRP list acceptable to both sides.

Hammer said his only interest is in strengthening that list and increasing its voter appeal by adding one or more non-political personalities. But if Burg's Lamin faction remained adamant on this point, the split would be finalized, he said.

"Religious Zionism has a message, but it is also important who delivers the message," Hammer said.

If the disagreement between (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)



Tehiya candidate Rafael Eitan (centre) and Alignment MK Mordechai Gur, both former chiefs of staff, debate a point before yesterday's straw poll at Tel Aviv's Barak High School, as Likud candidate Uzi Landau (left) prepares his speech. The election results: Likud, 47 per cent; Alignment, 27; Tehiya, 14; and Ezer Weizman's Yehad, 3.

MKs rap handling of bus hijack report

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

All officers who participated in the storming of the hijacked Ashkelon bus should be suspended from duty until the Military Police inquiry is completed, MK Yossi Sarid (Alignment) said in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres told the committee that Defence Minister Arie Eliazar has accepted all of the Zorea Commission's findings and recommendations, and that Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has already been brought into the picture.

Shamir added that since security forces assigned to anti-terror missions are very well-trained and highly disciplined, what occurred in the April 13 bus action was definitely a "deviation" from standard operating procedure.

Three Alignment members of the committee - Yitzhak Rubin, Haim Bar-Lev and Shlomo Hillel - criticized the manner in which the Zorea Commission report was released, claiming it should first have been handed to the committee.

The Likud's Yosef Rom said that the special police anti-terror squad should in future be called in to handle cases such as bus hijackings, since the unit was established for just such occurrences.

Shamir also told the committee that Israeli diplomats have arrived in Sri Lanka to begin work, following that country's agreement to resume limited ties with Israel.

As for the Lebanese government's reported demand that Israel shut its liaison office in Beirut, Shamir reiterated that Israel has not yet received an official communication from the Beirut government to that effect.

Photographer implies Arens saw terrorist get off bus uninjured

Jerusalem Post Staff

A photographer for Hadashot was quoted as saying yesterday that Defence Minister Moshe Arens and his aides were standing beside him when he took pictures in the early morning hours of April 13 of one of the terrorists in the bus hijack being taken away by security forces alive and healthy.

The Zorea Commission of Inquiry into the deaths of two of the terrorists found that the two died of wounds sustained after the bus was stormed, and not - as the IDF spokesman first reported - of wounds suffered during the assault.

Arens delayed appointing the commission for almost a fortnight after claiming that nothing in the IDF reports reaching him indicated that anything untoward had happened. But eventually he bowed to public pressure and appointed the panel.

Photographer Alex Liebeck was quoted in the daily paper as saying he took pictures of both Arens and the terrorist within one minute.

However, Arens' media adviser, Nahman Shai, told Hadashot that although the minister was present as the terrorists were brought off the bus after it was stormed by security forces, he did not notice the condition of the terrorists.

Meanwhile, Ma'ariv reported yesterday that high-ranking IDF officers were angry that the commission placed most of the blame on the IDF and minimized the part played by General Security Service personnel at the scene.

Ma'ariv said that the IDF officers believe that most of the blame was put on the army because no IDF officer on active duty served on the Zorea panel.

Yediot Aharonot reported yesterday that senior IDF circles are convinced that no army personnel were involved in the deaths of the two terrorists who survived the storming of the bus. The senior army officers were quoted as saying that the two were given over to civilian security forces when they were "still fit enough to answer difficult questions."

A Ma'ariv photographer, Shmuel Rahmani, was quoted in the paper as saying that he saw and photographed one of the terrorists being taken off the bus "healthy and with no sign that he was injured."

Nahal outpost becomes Hebron Hills settlement

BEERSHEBA (Itim) - Tenah, a West Bank Nahal stronghold in the Hebron Hills, yesterday became the civilian settlement of Ma'aleh Omarim in a dedication ceremony attended by Deputy Agriculture Minister Michael Dekel.

Peres makes it official: Foreign post to Navon

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV - Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres made it official - former president Yitzhak Navon is the Alignment candidate for foreign minister.

After weeks of rumours and subterranean conflict in the party over the issue, Peres told an Ashdod discussion group late Monday night that if his party forms the next government, the foreign affairs portfolio will go to Navon.

Navon also will become first deputy prime minister and acting premier, whenever the prime minister is absent from office.

Peres said this is quite natural since Navon occupies the second slot on the Alignment list and it could only be expected that he would be appointed deputy premier and foreign minister.

The Peres announcement is seen as the direct result of steady pressure applied in recent weeks by Navon's supporters in the party, that the jobs earmarked for Navon be announced formally. This, it was argued, could only improve the party's electoral prospects and would remove any doubts and misunderstanding that could spring from speculation and rumour.

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Begin refuses to round out Likud Knesset candidates list

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV - Menachem Begin will not appear on the bottom of the Likud slate of Knesset candidates, the former prime minister informed his successor Yitzhak Shamir yesterday.

Shamir visited Begin at his home and asked him to accept at least the honorary closing slot - number 120 - on the list.

But Begin flatly refused and would not explain his refusal. He stressed that he has decided not to run for the 11th Knesset and that means not appearing on the list.

Shamir then asked Begin if he would agree to take part in the campaign on behalf of the Likud. Begin replied that he would consider it and would give Shamir his answer at a later date.

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Reagan sidesteps opposition 'U.S. security' cited in Saudi missile sale

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON - U.S. President Ronald Reagan dodged possible congressional opposition to new arms transfers to Saudi Arabia by citing American "national security interests" in the sale of 400 shoulder-fired Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to the desert kingdom.

Use of the emergency powers, make congressional veto of the presidential decision impossible.

State Department spokesman Alan Romberg insisted that the Stingers would provide badly needed defensive assistance to Saudi Arabia and the oil lanes of the Persian Gulf. "We are confident the safeguards are adequate," he said. "We believe this adequately meets immediate Saudi needs." (See Iran-Iraq war p.4).

The administration also dispatched to Saudi Arabia over the weekend an additional KC-10 aerial refueling tanker, designed to keep Saudi F-15s in the air longer. American pilots will fly the KC-10 along with three more already in Saudi Arabia, Romberg said.

Saudis will operate the Stingers.

which are being sent with six to eight American trainers and about 20 support personnel. Pentagon officials said it should take about two weeks to train the Saudis to use the Stinger missiles.

Israel was informed of the transfer in recent days. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir discussed it yesterday with the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, and it is expected to be on the agenda today when Defence Minister Moshe Arens meets in Washington with Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger and other senior administration officials.

Administration spokesmen repeatedly insisted that the accelerated arms delivery to Saudi Arabia poses no significant threat to Israel. "By providing a deterrent against hostile actions," Romberg said, "this transfer lowers the risk of broader conflict."

Israel's friends in Congress yesterday acknowledged that there is little they can do to block the administration's escalated arms transfers to Saudi Arabia, despite their concern that the shoulder-fired Stinger missiles could wind up in terrorists' hands.

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Mubarak's party gets 72 per cent of vote

CAIRO (AP) - President Hosni Mubarak's National Democratic Party captured more than 72 per cent of the vote in weekend parliamentary elections, with the centre-right New Wafd emerging as the only one of four opposition parties with seats in the new assembly, according to final results announced yesterday.

Interior Minister Hassan Abu Basha told reporters the National Democratic Party garnered 72,987 per cent of the vote for 341 of the 448 elected seats in the 458-member parliament, which will sit for five years.

The New Wafd, the revival of an older party which had been the dominant force in Egyptian politics before the 1952 fall of the monarchy, took 15,119 per cent of the vote for 57 seats.

The election was the first nationwide parliamentary contest since Mubarak came to power in 1981 and had been a major test of his promise to bring "true democracy" to Egypt.

According to official figures, the National Democrats won 3,756,359 votes to 778,131 for the New Wafd, 346,040 for the Socialist Labour, 214,587 for the Nupp and 33,448 for the Liberals.

Abu Basha said 43.14 per cent of the nearly 13 million voters cast ballots in the election. The figure was below the 51.7 per cent which the government claimed turned out for elections in October which the opposition parties boycotted.

The New Wafd leader, former interior minister Foad Serageldin, dismissed his party win as a handout by the NDP.

"This is a farce," Serageldin told the Associated Press. "It is the funeral of democracy. We have evidence of NDP interference and fraud in the polling, including official reports by polling station chiefs and investigating prosecutors. This was the position I took on polling day it remains my position today."

Asked whether he was satisfied with the 57 seats he won, he said, "This is the number allowed us by the NDP."

Varied events on tap for Jerusalem Day

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thousands of young people began flocking to Jerusalem yesterday as a preliminary to today's observance of Jerusalem Day, reunification of the city after the Six Day War.

Events last night were due to wind up at midnight with a procession of yeshiva students to the Western Wall. This morning, from 9 to 11, there will be a non-stop showing of films about the city, free at the Guidance Centre, 17 Jaffa Road.

Also planned for the same time are a quiz on Jerusalem for schoolchildren at the Jerusalem Theatre and a swimming meet in Kiryat Yavneel.

Later in the morning, a library is to be dedicated in the city's Ramot neighbourhood.

The major event of the day is to be held at Ammunition Hill, the site of one of the major battles for the city in 1967. Here members of families bereaved in the war will remember the fallen. Participating will be Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who will also address a gathering of immigrants at Mt. Scopus at 6 p.m. For tourists, the highlight will be a happening in Independence Park, complete with entertainment by folklore groups and light refreshments. After the event, many tourists will be guests in Israeli homes in a special campaign organized by the Committee to Promote Jewish Tourism.

At 4 p.m. there will be a "mini-marathon" leaving from Liberty Bell Park. There will be an art fair at the Centre for Conservative Judaism, 2 Agon Street, beginning at 3 p.m.

Another gathering is scheduled at 5 p.m. at the Western Wall with the participation of President Chaim Herzog, the chief rabbis and other public figures.

Two entertainment events have been planned for this evening. At 8 p.m. there is to be a performance at the Mahanot sports centre. And at 9 p.m., Givatron and Kibbutz Hagoren troupes and singer Ofra Haza will perform at Sultan's Pool.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Hot and dry inland in the mountains.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	40	11-25	27
Golan	39	10-25	26
Nabatieh	39	10-25	25
Safed	39	10-25	25
Haifa Port	71	19-23	27
Thibet	48	17-31	32
Nazareth	51	15-27	27
Afula	31	15-30	30
Shomron	32	14-28	29
Tel Aviv	32	16-26	29
B-G Airport	43	15-29	31
Jericho	28	18-32	34
Beza	54	16-23	26
Gaza	19	12-31	34
Suez	19	18-35	36

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

MK Mordechai Ben-Porat, chairman of the Israel-Japan Parliamentary Friendship League, was host at lunch at the Knesset yesterday to Masaki Nakayama, member of the Japanese Diet and secretary-general of the Japan-Israel Friendship League. Among those attending were Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor, Japanese Ambassador Shozo Kadota, the director-general of the Foreign Office and MKs who are members of the new group.

Dr. Roberto Cortes Conde, of the Vitella Institute, Buenos Aires, will lecture in English, on *Argentina, Past and Present*, at Tel Aviv University at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Mrs. Lou Kadar will speak on *Golda Meir and Jerusalem* on the occasion of Jerusalem Day at the weekly meeting of Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. in YMCA today.

The Haifa Rotary Club will commemorate Jerusalem Day at its weekly meeting at the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Anna Amar and Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Ramonellu of France for the annual meeting of the board of governors of Tel Aviv University, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan David of Italy for the board meeting and the awarding of the Mia Fischer-David Research Scholarship.

Early Hagana member Moshe Rihan at 93

HAIFA (Iim). - Moshe Rihan, one of the first members of the Hagana and its commander in the Haifa area in 1948, died here on Monday at the age of 93.

Rihan was born in Germany and was awarded the Iron Cross for his bravery as a German officer in World War I. He came to this country in 1938.

Stray tank shell hits kibbutz chicken coop

Post Defence Reporter
TEL AVIV. - An officer and three men were injured yesterday morning when a shell was accidentally fired from their tank into Kibbutz Ein Gev from an IDF firing range in the Golan.

The shell hit an abandoned chicken coop and no one in the kibbutz was injured. The officer's injuries were last night described as medium to light, while the three soldiers received treatment and returned to their unit.

The Promised Land Ltd., Travel Office, Jerusalem congratulates
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Night Haga (Civil Defence) Exercise in Shlomi and the Krayot

Today, Wednesday, May 30, there will be a Haga exercise during the hours of the night in Shlomi and the Krayot. During the exercise, the sound of firing and explosions will be heard, and the all clear will be sounded. In the event of a real attack, the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.

Tomorrow, Haga Exercise in Bat Yam

Tomorrow, Thursday, May 31, there will be a Haga exercise in Bat Yam. Haga, police, fire brigade and Magen David Adom personnel will take part. During the exercise, Haga and incendiary incidents will be staged, and continued notes will be sounded on fire engine and rescue vehicle klaxons.

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HOME NEWS

Shlomo Lorincz will retire as Aguda avoids a split

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

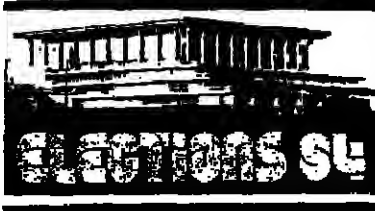
The rival wings of Agudat Yisrael reached agreement on a united Knesset list after an all-night meeting that ended early yesterday morning. Aguda's central committee is due to meet this morning to approve the final list.

Under the agreement, Shlomo Lorincz will retire from the Knesset, where he has served for 23 years. Menahem Porush, whose retirement had also been demanded by the Rabbi of Gur, will have the second slot on the list (after Avraham Shapira).

Third on the list will be a representative of Lorincz's faction, the Aguda Youth, and fourth, MK Shmuel Halper. Shapira and Halper represent the hassidim, Lorincz and Porush represented the Lithuanian yeshivot.

The Rabbi of Gur, who heads Aguda's Council of Sages and is the spiritual mentor of Aguda's hassidim MKs, reportedly softened his stand after Shapira said he would not run for re-election if the party split.

Porush successfully resisted all de-



mands that he be the only one required to promise to resign after one, or even two years, in the next Knesset.

The compromise reached was that the first 10 candidates on Aguda's list deposit with the Council of Sages letters of resignation from the Knesset, dated two years after the convening of the Eleventh Knesset.

It will be the council's prerogative at that time to decide which of these letters of resignation shall be activated. It may be assumed that if this is done only with respect to Porush, there will be trouble.

Halper yesterday withdrew the request he had submitted to the House Committee on Monday requesting that he and Shapira be recognized as a separate Knesset faction.

Knesset lists to be filed tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The official submission of candidate lists for the July 23 Knesset elections begins at 9 a.m. tomorrow, and except for a three-hour break in the afternoon, continued till midnight.

The formal listing ceremonies will take place at the Knesset building, where the Central Elections Committee for the eleventh Knesset maintains its headquarters. Justice Gavriel Bach, chairman of the committee, will preside.

Arab Labour MK won't run alone

Special to The Jerusalem Post
NAZARETH. - Hamad Halla, a Labour MK, will not run for the eleventh Knesset on his own ticket. This decision was made during a gathering at his home in the village of Sakhnin yesterday.

Halla explained that because of a lack of financial resources, planning and time, he had called off his original

Existing Knesset factions will submit their candidates' names plus their declarations of acceptance of the nominations. New factions also will have to attach a list of 2,500 signatures of their supporters.

In addition, all submissions must include IS\$500,000 - in cash or a bank cheque.

"Sorry, no personal cheques will be accepted," committee spokeswoman Sara Yitzhaki said yesterday.

al plan to head an independent list to deal with Arab problems in the Knesset.

Halla was not placed in a safe slot on the Labour list since he failed to gain the support of Arab active members of his party. Meanwhile, it was rumoured that Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres will meet soon with Halla to settle their differences.

Peace Now backs doves, in and out of Labour

Peace Now has called on its members and followers to provide help to the Labour Party, Shinui, the Citizens Rights Movement, Mapam, and Arie Eliav in the election campaign, since the movement leadership has decided not to put up its

own list for the Knesset.

Peace Now movement leaders have kept up a series of meetings with Labour Party officials, a movement spokesman said, in an effort "to soften certain stands" taken by the party in its platform.

Zamir to investigate electoral fraud charge

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - High Court Justice Gavriel Bach, chairman of the Central Elections Committee, has passed on a complaint of possible electoral fraud to Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir.

The complaint, lodged by Shinui MK Mordechai Virshubski, concerns funds allegedly channelled to

moshav, rabbis by a group connected to the National Religious Party.

To back up his complaint, Virshubski provided Bach with material from one of the rabbis concerned. Bach informed Virshubski yesterday that he had transferred the complaint to Zamir, because he lacks the means to investigate it thoroughly himself.

BEGIN REFUSES

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Levy, the campaign manager, refuses to let him have either post - both are already filled. Sharon is steadfast in his refusal to be responsible for special operations, the job he held in the 1981 campaign.

Some party figures believe that Sharon's refusal is a form of sulking, after having failed to secure assurances from Shamir that he would be given a senior cabinet portfolio in the next government, should it again

be formed by the Likud. Shamir has denied that he will keep Sharon out of any possible future Likud cabinet, but has not satisfied Sharon with specific assurances either.

Shamir held lengthy telephone conversations yesterday with both Sharon and Levy in an effort to find some sort of employment for Sharon in the Likud campaign. But so far, no solution has been found, except for promises by both Levy and Sharon that they will do their utmost "to surmount the difficulties."

PERES-NAVON

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Labour Party sources added that if Peres forms the next government, he is likely to have two deputies, since a second deputy premiership has been offered former foreign minister Abba Eban, who has long been the party's candidate for foreign minister. Eban also has been offered the post of information minister, but sources added that his exact responsibilities have not been finalized.

They report that the arrangement being considered would, in effect, split the foreign ministry into two. Eban would get information and might be put in charge of the peace negotiations. His new ministry might get as much as half of the budget ordinarily earmarked for the Foreign Ministry, the sources said.

Eban would not comment last night, but he told The Jerusalem Post that he will call a press conference on Friday to make his position clear.

Sources close to Eban told The Post that he is still studying the proposals put to him by the party and

that an agreement has not been reached in full, but that one is expected in the next few days.

The sources further expressed surprise that Peres chose to make a public announcement which dealt only with "half the problem," namely the Navon appointment but failed to make any mention of the jobs planned for Eban. The sources said they expected a parallel statement, which would address itself to both persons involved.

Sources close to Peres told The Post, however, that he would prefer not to make any more statements regarding possible future portfolio allocations. He made Navon the exception because of his No. 2 ranking.

But Peres is reported to be under very heavy pressure from several more ministerial candidates who would like promises already made informally to them to be bolstered by official announcements. This is especially true regarding the finance portfolio.

NRP SPLIT

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Hammer's Young Guard and Lamifne is patched up. Hammer and Ben-Meir will have lost nothing, since they can then notify the House Committee that they have returned to the NRP.

The recognition they obtained as a Knesset faction is in the nature of an insurance policy. If the split proves to be final, they will not receive state financing (at the expense of the NRP's). They will not have to submit the 2,500 signatures or pay the IS\$500,000 deposit required of new lists. In addition, they will be represented in the Central Elections Committee.

The NRP executive committee will meet today to approve the party's list.



Alice Dor-Cohen holds a rooster during a rehearsal with other dancers of a new production, *Arenas of the Roosters*, written by Eli Dor-Cohen, to be staged at the Citadel as part of the Israel Festival. Performances are scheduled for June 3, 4, 6 and 7. (Zoom 77)

ISRAEL FESTIVAL '84

Canadian dancer gags, tramples flags

By DORA SOWDEN
Post Dance Critic

Marie Chouinard's second programme, presented yesterday afternoon at Jerusalem's Gerard Behar Centre, was much less eventful than her programme the night before. This one was called *Entre en Matiere* and was described in English as "a favourable organic moment," performed on a bare stage with a plain white backdrop.

She came out in a short white shift so high above the knee that when she swung about it was obvious that she wore nothing at all underneath.

She began by sitting down, sticking a finger in her throat and making vomiting noises. Thereafter, the only sounds were her breathing, a short drone she made through her nose and a brief piping sound in her windpipe.

For the rest, she moved about, lay down, twisted, and cavorted for about 45 minutes. There was nothing to

show any special dancing quality.

The previous day the Canadian dancer began with washing her long blonde hair in a basin of water, then extracting a green pepper from the same water and eating it. Sitting down, she pushed off her upper garments and remained topless while she masturbated. What else?

One such was a line of little earth mounds with little flags on top, including the Israeli flag. These she trampled. Finally, she took what looked like a live baby iguana out of a glass box, held it against her and then held it up for the audience to see.

Pianist won't play

Pianist Martha Argerich has cancelled her June 6 appearance in the Israel Festival for family reasons, it was announced yesterday. In her place festival artist Ivo Pogorelich will perform piano works by Chopin, Prokofiev and Beethoven.

Video tapes shown at Avrushmi trial

The prosecution yesterday concluded its presentation of evidence in the trial of Yona Avrushmi in the Jerusalem District Court. Avrushmi is accused of the grenade murder of Emil Grunzweig at a Peace Now demonstration last year.

The prosecution screened video tapes which were made clandestinely during Avrushmi's interrogation. In one taped segment, Avrushmi told

police that psychological pressure would not succeed in forcing him to confess to anything he had not done.

In another segment, Avrushmi compared the methods of interrogation used on him to those used in Russia.

The defence will begin presenting its case in several weeks. One of the witnesses it plans to call is Avrushmi. (Iim)

KNESSET DEBATE

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As to his remark about "gouging out the eyes" of Arab murderers of Jewish children, Cohen-Avidov said he had used this expression, which he said was in the best Biblical tradition, at the memorial meeting for Danny Katz of Haifa.

But the media, he charged, republished this a month later, making it appear that he had said this in sup-

port of Jewish terrorists.

In a "personal statement to the press," Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman said that "in the lynch atmosphere prevailing against the underground suspects, even level-headed people like MK Shlomo Hillel begin uttering public figures who do not follow the herd and speak without hostility of certain people."

Karameh to present policy, pledges to get Israelis out

BEIRUT - Prime Minister Rashid Karameh's new national unity government will promise to free Lebanon from Israeli occupation, rebuild the army and restore security in a policy statement to be voted on by parliament today. Karameh announced yesterday.

It was the first official announcement about the contents of the policy statement agreed to by Lebanon's main Christian and Moslem warlords. Karameh's government is expected to easily win the vote of confidence necessary to make the government official.

Beirut's state radio said the gov-

ernment had authorized police controlling the mid-city neighbourhood where the parliament will meet to shoot any militiaman who tries to approach. Parliament Speaker Kamel Assad had claimed the area on the "Green Line" between East and West Beirut, would not be safe unless such an order was given, and threatened to call off the parliament session if it was not forthcoming.

The area around Villa Mansour, where the session will be held, has been the scene of frequent fighting between rightist Christian and Moslem militiamen and the Lebanese Army in recent weeks.

SAUDI MISSILES

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The president had authority to skirt any congressional opposition by imposing a national security provision in the Foreign Military Sales Act. Normally, Congress has 30 days to consider such transfers.

In making the Stinger announcement, Rombert also disclosed that the U.S. will accelerate shipment of conformal fuel tanks for Saudi F-15s. These tanks, originally designed and developed in Israel, will extend the flying time for the Saudi F-15s.

Administration officials said Saudi Arabia has made a specific decision to challenge Iranian aircraft in the Gulf. At the same time, they said, Saudi Arabia is still reluctant for political reasons to engage the Iranians.

U.S. officials acknowledged that the Saudis - "on paper" have - a clear superiority over Iran in aerial combat. But the Saudi military, which has been massively armed over the years by the U.S., remains untested.

Administration officials also conceded that there is no hard intelligence evidence on Iranian plans for kamikaze-type aerial attacks against

Saudi Arabia and its oil fields. But at the same time, they noted that Iran's behaviour is unpredictable.

The Stingers, Pentagon spokesman Michael Burch said, "sort of fill in a gap," because they are portable and very accurate against such low-flying suicide missions.

New savings scheme based on bank shares

Post Economic Reporter

The Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday approved a new savings scheme proposed by the Treasury based on bank shares.

According to the committee's decision, the scheme will mature after two years and yield a 12-per-cent net annual interest.

It was decided that enrolment in the scheme will be limited to the first two weeks after it is made public. The shares will be deposited at their current value, and persons who have already frozen their shares for four or six years in last year's scheme will not be allowed to join the new scheme.

Two-hour warning strike by high-school teachers today

By LEA LEVAVI
and D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV. - Junior-high and high-school teachers belonging to the Secondary School Teachers Association will strike between 10 a.m. and noon today as a warning and protest against the Education Ministry's failure to issue new instructions on cuts in instruction hours and the ministry's unwillingness to change its school autonomy plan.

The union said it had reached oral agreement with ministry officials to accomplish the necessary budget cuts without cutting classroom teaching hours, but school principals are still bound by the original written instructions requiring them to cut an hour a week in every class. The union wants new instructions which will reflect the oral agreements.

The ministry has refused to change its decision to give schools administrative autonomy, a decision which the union fears will destroy its ability to protect teachers' rights or to sponsor national activities. (The autonomy plan would give schools latitude in setting their own vacation

days, making changes in the work week, etc.)

If the ministry does not meet the union's demands by the end of the week, 12th grade teachers will not supervise *bagrut* (matriculation) exams and will not record pupils' protective marks.

The *bagrut* examination in Arabic scheduled today will be administered as planned and will not be affected.

The Histadrut Teachers' Union will not participate in today's strike, but is planning its own sanctions (over the same issues) if the dispute is not resolved by the end of the 15-day cooling-off period which started when the union declared a labour dispute on Sunday.

Education Ministry spokesman Israel Cohen yesterday sharply criticized the unions for their demand for pay increments and for their stand against the ministry's autonomy plan.

Cohen said the teachers have received pay increments of 7.5 per cent last year and will receive another 5 to 6 per cent in the coming year and that there is no justification for declaring a labour dispute.

Bill would make education free for all pre-schoolers

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset Education Committee is to vote next Monday on recommending extension of free compulsory education to three- and four-year-olds.

If the private member's bill by the Alignment's Michael Bar-Zohar is approved by the House, it would save hundreds of thousands of parents the cost of pre-school child supervision, and would probably lead to the closure of thousands of private pre-kindergartens.

At a committee discussion of the Bar-Zohar bill yesterday, a Treasury representative assailed the idea, claiming the cost to the state would be IS\$1.75 billion annually (in 1984 prices) for six straight years for operating budget alone. Development budgeting for the first year would come to IS\$19.9 billion, he added.

Committee chairwoman Ora Namir took issue with the Treasury representative saying: "The real

argument over compulsory pre-schooling is whether or not Arab children are to benefit. If Bar-Zohar's bill becomes law, the children of Israeli Arabs will be covered."

"While 96 per cent of Israeli Jewish children aged three to four attend pre-kindergarten, only 11 per cent of Israeli Arab children are so enrolled."

Most committee members back the proposed law, which would become effective over six years.

In another matter, the committee was asked to approve an amendment to the law that requires employers to permit workers to take time off (fully paid) to do guard duty at their children's schools. The amendment would extend that requirement to cases where the schools are located across the green line.

Yakov Gil (Alignment) opposed, this claiming that "every move that extends Israeli practice in Judea and Samaria means creeping annexation."

Levy crosses Treasury by freezing rent on state flats

By AVITTEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Deputy Premier and Housing Minister David Levy angered Treasury officials earlier this month by vetoing a 40 per cent hike in the rents charged for Amidar flats.

Treasury officials said that by the time the government is willing to raise the rents, after the election, a 100-per-cent increase will be needed to make up for the low rate now being charged by the Housing Ministry.

Some Finance Ministry officials planned to write a letter of complaint to Housing Ministry Director-General Asher Viner, but the plan was dropped and the criticism has been restricted to the Treasury's corridors.

But meanwhile, the Finance Ministry has not remained unaffected by the pervasive spending mood in the government, which critics call "election economics." Today, the Knesset Finance Committee will debate a request to transfer some IS\$2.3 billion from the budget reserve to finance subsidies for fuel.

The price of fuel was increased this month by 9 per cent, instead of 18 per cent in accordance with the rate of devaluation of the shekel, and this has made it necessary to subsidize fuel.

In addition, the committee will discuss a government request to pay citrus growers some IS\$1.2 billion. The item was not registered in the original budget and will also have to come from the reserve fund.

Pay hikes for soldiers

By AVITTEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

All standing army personnel will receive a 9 per cent wage increase, the Treasury and Defence Ministry agreed yesterday. Personnel in priority posts and in combat units will receive an additional 9 per cent increase.

HOME NEWS

Tel Aviv, high-risk roads to be improved this year

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV - The Transport Ministry is to spend about \$150 million this year on road safety improvements in the greater Tel Aviv area. The municipalities involved have pledged that they will add some \$340 million Highway Safety Administration head Moshe Amichay, told reporters here yesterday.

Amichay added that an additional \$120 million is to be spent this year on safety improvements for interurban roads. This will be carried out together with the Public Works Department. Top priority will be given to four out of the 13 "red-roads" which are the site of many accidents.

The four roads are the Ashdod-Ashkelon, Kistina-Beersheba, Acre-Nahariya and Kiryat Shmona-Rosh Pina highways. Negotiations are going on to add a fifth road to this year's plan - the Golan-Yagur road.

Amichay said that part of the money is coming from three per cent of each car owner's compulsory insurance, as mandated by law. The insurance companies have refused to contribute additional funds voluntarily to road safety projects, he added.

Inside the cities, special stress is being put this year on the Greater Tel Aviv area, where 50 per cent of urban traffic intersection accidents occur. Plans call for improvement of intersections, up from 30 last year.

Part of the money will go to build a number of pedestrian bridges, and the HNA will also build bicycle paths at Yavne, Ashdod and the Jordan Valley. Road safety playgrounds to instruct pupils will be renovated in Ashdod, Ramle, Yavne, Tel Aviv, Kiryat Malachi and Hadera.

In several Jerusalem quarters, bumps will be placed on roads to prevent automobiles from driving faster than 25 - 30 kilometres per hour. If the experiment proves successful, it will be tried out in other parts of the country. Such bumps already exist in small towns and kibbutzim, where they have led to a drop in the number of accidents.

Unicef plans child centres in territories

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Unicef, the UN International Children's Emergency Fund, plans to build several child development centres in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with a \$1.7 million donation from the Federal Republic of Germany.

This was announced yesterday by the Israeli Committee for Unicef, following a meeting with the deputy director at Unicef's Geneva headquarters, Reinhard Freiberg.

The planned centres are intended to identify and treat disabilities in children up to age six and to educate parents in proper growth care. During 1980-83, Unicef spent \$495,000 on mother and child clinics and kindergartens in the territories, also donated by the Federal Republic of Germany.

Soroka offers surgery for mongolism

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA - Negev residents suffering from Down's syndrome (mongolism) no longer have to go abroad for plastic surgery, according to Dr. Dan Hauben, deputy director of the Soroka Medical Centre here.

He said that the centre's plastic surgery department has successfully reconstructed the faces of three such patients.

"The series of operations, which takes less than a week to perform and is relatively simple, eliminates the patients' distinctive facial features that stigmatize them in our society," he declared.

Yair Shapiro, director of the centre, told the press that 10 new or expanded wards and services have opened recently.

"The master plan calls for Soroka to become a centre of the first rank, giving medical services of every kind to the population of the Negev," said Shapiro.

The 10 departments, in which \$1,650,000 were invested, are the children's emergency room; children's ambulatory unit; separate outpatient clinics for children, with archives; youth department; pediatric intensive-care unit; gynecology emergency ward; intensive-care cardiac unit; intensive-care respiratory unit; a fourth department of internal medicine; and a psychiatric ward with 20 beds.

Although Beersheba has a psychiatric hospital run by the Health Ministry, the directors of Soroka felt it was necessary to enable all Negev residents to get a well-rounded facility.

Later this year a separate unit for treatment of skin diseases and a cancer ward will be opened.

Bus-hijacking alarm turns out to be false

KIRYAT GAT (Iim). - A misinterpreted signal by an Egged bus driver yesterday led to the raising of a false alarm that a hijacking was taking place and caused a security alert later which sealed roads around this southern town.

The incident occurred at 10.30 a.m., when the driver of one of two buses carrying schoolchildren on an outing signalled with his headlights to the second driver, to alert him of a technical malfunction.

Other drivers on the Plugot road, seeing a man standing beside the driver, thought he was signalling that the bus was being hijacked. They alerted police, who sealed the roads, stopped the bus near Kiryat Gat and discovered it was a false alarm. The man beside the driver turned out to be one of the teachers, who had been giving the driver directions.

Ethiopian olim to have centre in TA

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first of a series of absorption centres geared to the needs of Ethiopian youngsters who are here without their parents is to open in Tel Aviv this week. It will accommodate about 100 Ethiopian children aged 12 to 18.

Uri Gordon, head of Youth Aliya, announced yesterday that the Holim

Israeli academics go to Mediterranean meet

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - Israeli professors met with colleagues from Libya, Lebanon and Egypt during a meeting of the newly formed Community of Mediterranean Universities in Bari, Italy, recently.

Prof. Avraham Ofek, a member of the three-member Israeli delegation, said the discussions were "warm and friendly."

The conference, initiated by Prof. Imgi Ambrosi, rector of Bari University, was attended by 60 delegates representing universities in 11 Mediterranean countries. The aim is to encourage cooperation on a wide variety of research topics.

KIDNEYS. - A \$95,000 nephrological research laboratory was opened this week at the Hadassah Kapat Holim Clalit's Afeka General Hospital, to replace the cramped temporary building previously used by the research staff. Money for the project was raised by the Friends of the Afeka Hospital Society.



Yvonne Maersdorf (right), wife of the late Belgium Keren Hayesod chairman, Leon Maersdorf, receives flowers from a resident in Jerusalem's Katamon Het and Tet quarter yesterday during an inauguration ceremony for a housing project. Mayor Teddy Kollek looks on.

Belgian Jews dedicate housing project

Special to The Jerusalem Post
Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and Deputy Housing Minister Moshe Katav yesterday greeted 150 Belgian officials in Jerusalem's Katamon quarter, where they inaugurated a 40-unit housing project.

A departure from standard shikun housing, the development Nele Kehilot Belia, was built through a \$3 million contribution by Belgian Jewry under Project Renewal. The Belgium United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod undertook the project as part of a major attempt to improve housing conditions in the distressed neighbourhoods.

The housing project is designed to encourage social integration among residents. Facilities for shopping, socializing and learning, along with a synagogue and nursery, are within easy walking distance.

Apartments range from two rooms for young couples or elderly residents, to five rooms for large families.

Two apartments, equipped with ramps and other special facilities, are available for the handicapped.

Thirty-two units have been sold so far to residents of Katamon Het and Tet.

Rumanian chief rabbi praises Ceaucescu

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rumanian President Nicolae Ceaucescu was lauded yesterday by Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen for his positive response to the spiritual and cultural needs of Rumanian Jewry.

Rosen said that it was precisely because Ceaucescu had put no barriers in the path of the perpetuation of Jewish tradition that "the Jews of Rumania came to Lod and not to New York."

Recalling his 46-year career as a rabbi and teacher, Rosen said that his target had always been to foster Jewish loyalty and a love for Zion among the remnants of the Holocaust.

It was for his work in preserving Jewish identity that Rosen yesterday received the Shazar Prize from President Chaim Herzog and Dr. Eli Tabin, head of the World Zionist Organization's Department of Education and Culture in the Diaspora. The prize, named in memory of Israel's third president, is awarded annually to educators and educational institutions for outstanding achievements in the Diaspora.

Prizes were awarded also to the Tarbut Hebrew School in Mexico; the Jewish Pedagogic Centre in Buenos Aires; the Agnon Seminar for kindergarten teachers in Argentina; and the Ami kindergarten and primary school in France.

Court won't interfere in PoW exchange

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected the petition of a bereaved father, who had sought an injunction barring the prime minister and defence minister from releasing the terrorist who murdered his son and daughter-in-law, in a possible future exchange of prisoners.

Azriel Barak's son, Uriel, and the daughter-in-law, Hadassah, were murdered by Mohammed Shubaki on February 27, 1979, while on an excursion near Beit Guvrin. Shubaki was sentenced by a military court to life imprisonment for this crime and for the subsequent murders of yeshiva students in Hebron. Two of the court's three judges had voted for the death penalty, but the third dissented and Shubaki received a life sentence.

In his petition, Barak argued that the government was liable to offer to exchange Shubaki for Israelis held by Syria or the terrorist organizations in some future negotiation. He asked the High Court to instruct the government not to interfere with the sentence imposed by the military court, on grounds of a lack of jurisdiction.

Justices Aharon Barak, Moshe Bakshi and Shlomo Levin denied the petition, pointing out that while they sympathized with Barak, the subject of the petition is under the government's discretion and the court cannot interfere. (Iim)

WUJS: North American students favoured here

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Leaders of the World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS) yesterday lashed out against one-year foreign student programmes in Israel's universities. At a press conference held at Beit Agon in Jerusalem, newly elected WUJS chairman David Makovsky and student leaders from North America, Latin America, South Africa, Australia and Europe complained that of the 11,000 foreign students in Israeli universities 95 per cent come from the U.S. and Canada.

They charged that Israeli universities have not made sufficient effort to coordinate their programmes with overseas university requirements other than those of North America. If the WUJS leadership fails to

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(Nablus-Jenin-Tulkarm) area and the Hebron Hills, Shimon wrote that "the practical possibility of setting up an independent (Palestinian) state... was declining with each of our conquests." As to his boss - foreign minister Moshe Sharet (Shertok) - Shimon wrote that Sharet appeared undecided about whether it was preferable for the areas to be conquered by Israel, allowed to remain in Abdullah's hands or set aside for an Israeli-fostered Palestinian state.

Sharet seemed interested in the prospect or possibility of a Palestinian state only as "a stratagem" or tactic which would help Israel counter Transjordanian and Egyptian pressures and demands, Shimon seemed to conclude.

The fact, however, was that the Foreign Ministry - in one of the only instances where it was approached by the IDF in advance of an operation for "political" advice - had recommended that the army invade southern Lebanon, and the IDF chief of operations, Aluf Yigael Yadin, had taken the ministry's views into consideration. (The army, however, had not in general carried out the ministry's recommendations

Reservists, Arab victims testify against Border Police

Two residents of the West Bank town of Halhul and two reserve soldiers testified yesterday in Jerusalem District Court against three Border Police officers charged with beating and degrading Arabs there two years ago.

According to the witnesses, the defendants made Halhul residents hit each other, crawl on all fours and bark, and ordered them to sing *Hatikva* and to shout praise for the Border Police.

Hani Alhananof, 23, of Acre, Rami Shabat, 21, of Jerusalem, and Dani Dahan, 23, of Petah Tikva, are accused of aggravated assault and abuse of their positions.

The alleged incident occurred on April 12, 1982, after an Egged bus was stoned in the Halhul region. IDF and Border Police contingents arrived on the scene and began to round up all men from the town and bring them to the military government headquarters in nearby Hebron.

One of the Halhul witnesses was Abdul-Karim, 35, who said he was taken out of his house at night, dressed only in underwear, and made to stand up against a wall, with his arms raised, for several hours. There, he said he saw the accused commit beatings and other acts, including forcing fathers and sons to slap each other.

He himself was struck on the head, Abdul-Karim said, by a club, which drew blood, before he was eventually allowed to go home.

Also testifying were reservists Gideon Barak and Yosef Gellerman, who said they were asked by their battalion deputy commander to join a certain "Joe" on patrol, together with the driver of the Hebron military governor, several Border Police and two privates.

Joe asked them all to wear civilian clothes, and when they heard about the Halhul stonethrowing, the band headed for the town. There, according to the witnesses, residents were beaten, forced to hit each other, made to crawl and to shout.

Joe, they said, seemed to be in charge of the operation, sometimes taking part in the beatings and sometimes telling the others not to go on board. (Iim)

Haifa hospital cancels 20 operations

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - More than 20 operations were cancelled at Rothschild Hospital yesterday following the administration's decision to shut all but two of the hospital's six operating theatres. The *Jerusalem Post* was told.

About 75 patients who had been scheduled for elective surgery - ranging from hernia operations to hip replacements - were sent home. Another 30 persons, who should have been admitted yesterday, were turned away.

The hospital director, Dr. Dov Golan, said only six major operations were performed although minor procedures involving the use of local anesthetic were carried out.

The administration's decision to partially close the hospital was taken because of what it considered to be the dangers to patients arising from the suspension of work on the west wing building which supplies water and electricity for the entire hospital.

Golan said that apart from the breakdown of the two standby generators, there were also problems with the pumping mechanism for both the fire extinguisher hydrants and the centralized suction system.

Patients were given leaflets by the staff explaining the situation, which has resulted in lengthening the hospital's waiting list for treatment.

Nuclear researchers plan warning strike

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV - As labour unrest continues in anticipation of new work agreements and the elections, engineers and technicians involved in nuclear research will hold a two-day warning strike today and tomorrow, on the grounds that the employers are not honouring work agreements.

The Engineers and Technicians Union said yesterday that the employers had failed to pay the workers a wage increment as agreed in a 1983 pact between the union, the Treasury budget director and representatives of the defence establishment.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut will consider approving separate negotiations by each public sector union, if the government and the public sector employers adopt a stand that does not allow the early conclusion of an overall framework agreement for the public sector.

This was stated yesterday by trade union department chairman Haim Haberfeld at a meeting of the department's coordinating committee.

The talks between the Histadrut and the national union, on the one side, and the government and public employers, on the other, will resume tomorrow.

Life term for suspected 'collaborator'

BEERSHEBA (Iim). - Two security prisoners in the jail here were sentenced to additional terms of life imprisonment yesterday after being found guilty in district court of murdering another security prisoner whom they suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities.

Hani Ali Hassan, 24, a Jordanian who was serving a 22-year sentence, and Uda Abu Awada, 28, of Ramallah, who was already serving a life sentence, were convicted of strangling Mahmoud Zaydan, 31, in May 1983.

The defendants said that as members of the PLO's Fatah faction, they were duty-bound to kill traitors. As they were led out of court after their sentencing, the defendants smiled and flashed the "V" sign.

BAR-ILAN. - The Bar-Ilan University senate yesterday elected Prof. Michael Albeck to an additional term as rector and Prof. Shlomo Albeck to an additional term as dean of the law school. Prof. Harvey Rabbinkoff was elected dean of the social sciences department.

SA general takes part in Palmahim fun jump

By JOSHUA BRILLANT
Post Defence Reporter

PALMAHIM - An active South African major general and a retired 73-year-old French colonel were among 150 foreign paratroopers, mostly veterans, who jumped out of Israel Air Force Hercules transport planes yesterday.

The South African Major General Martinus Duplessis of his country's general staff, jumped together with his son Caspar, a lieutenant in Pretoria's army. Their last joint jump was when the younger Duplessis got his wings.

The group, which included two foreign women, was joined by six Israeli women soldiers.

All but one landed safely: a 43-year-old former member of the U.S. Green Berets tore a ligament in his knee when his shoe got stuck in the door and the wind outside the plane twisted his body. He was sent to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer.

It was the 11th annual visit - and jump - for members of the Free World Paratroopers Organization. What is now described in the IDF as a "tradition" began with exchanges between Israeli and French paratroopers, but this year members from nine countries came.

After laying a wreath of flowers brought from France at the memorial to Israeli paratroopers, the guests were taken to a two-hour refresher course for rolls and jumps out of dummy training planes.

They clearly enjoyed reliving their army days, wearing their medals, rank insignia, camouflage uniforms and army boots. After dinner and the sounds of popping champagne

Last Galilee Arab village gets water

RAS ALI (Iim). - This Arab village yesterday became the last in Galilee to be connected to the national water system.

Until yesterday, the 500 villagers of Ras Ali had to bring their water by donkey from nearby Nahal Zippori.

The final water link-up was made at a festive ceremony attended by the entire village and several public officials, including Binyamin Gur-Arye, the prime minister's adviser on Arab affairs.

Motti Mashiah, adviser for Galilee Arab affairs, said yesterday the new water system was paid for jointly by the residents and the Arab Affairs Office. He added that similar plans are under way to connect Ras Ali, founded about 60 years ago, to the national electric grid.

Taxi fares to go up 10 per cent on Friday

Jerusalem Post Staff

Taxi fares are to go up by 10 per cent on Friday, a Transport Ministry spokesman said yesterday. The first amount shown on the taxi meter will be 18220 and each subsequent unit after will be 1810.

Taxi owners are required to have meters adjusted to correspond to the new prices on the day they go into effect. The public is advised not to pay any supplement.

Family celebrates PoW's 28th birthday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Family and friends of Anik Liberman, an Israeli prisoner of war in Syria, gathered at his Holon home earlier this week to celebrate his 28th birthday.

Liberman has been in Syrian captivity since June 11, 1982, the day that the cease-fire between Israel and Syria took effect.

The party was organized by Liberman's wife and parents, and the assembled guests toasted his early release and that of the other Israelis being held by the Syrians and the PLO.

Girl sues Kupat Holim for 'mishandling birth'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 10-year-old Haifa girl whose left arm was paralyzed at birth has filed suit against the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Clalit health fund, claiming that her disability is the result of incorrect care given at the time of her birth.

The girl, through her guardians and attorneys, claims that at birth she weighed 4.75 kilograms, and that because of her unusual size a caesarean section was indicated. She charges that in the course of natural labour, her arm was injured.

Kupat Holim Clalit rejects the contentions and says that the labour and birth were normal. There was no indication for the performance of a caesarean section, it argues, asserting that there is no connection between her delivery and the disability.

APPOINTMENT. - The cabinet on Sunday approved the appointment of Baruch Levy as director-general of the Transport Ministry. A lawyer, Levy served for the past three years as adviser to Transport Minister Haim Corfu.

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Iran declares it will fight U.S. over Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iranian President Ali Khamenei defied the U.S. yesterday, pledging to "resist and fight" any U.S. military intervention in the Gulf region.

"If the Americans are prepared to sink in the depths of the Persian Gulf waters for nothing, thousands of kilometres away from their country, then let them come," he told a military audience at the port town of Bandar Abbas, near the Strait of Hormuz.

Speaking in his capacity as the supreme defence council chairman, Khamenei warned that "with their faith, motivation and divine power, our people will resist them (Americans) and will fight."

He cautioned the lower Gulf Arab states to remain neutral in the Iraq-Iran war or risk retaliatory action by the Iranian armed forces.

"You will be (regarded as) neutral

in the war if you do not provide (Iraqi President) Saddam (Hussein) with any assistance," he said, addressing his words to the Gulf countries. "However, a neighbour that wants to deliver a blow to us is more dangerous than outsiders, and we should confront that danger."

Khamenei's speech was broadcast by the Iranian state radio. It said the Iranian leader was inspecting war preparedness of his troops in the Gulf.

Iran has accused Gulf Arab countries of pro-Iraqi bias, often complaining that Saudi Arabia and Kuwait were bankrolling the Iraqi war efforts.

Western diplomatic sources estimated Arab financial backing to Iraq at more than \$35 billion over three years, in addition to government-guided media campaigns in Iraq's favour.

The Tehran regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has demanded the ouster of the Iraqi president and \$150b. in reparations as a condition for ending the 44-month-old conflict.

There have been reports indicating that Teheran is willing to drop the demand for reparations, but is still insisting on Saddam's ouster.

The Arab Gulf countries meanwhile, were intensifying contacts and consultation with western and other powers, in hopes of defusing the explosive situation that has virtually paralyzed commercial shipping in the Gulf.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait were reported to be coordinating military defence action, occasionally sending their warplanes reconnoitering Gulf waters along their territorial waters.

Iran on May 13 and May 14 attacked two Kuwaiti tankers in the lower

Gulf area, off the war zone. It rocketed a Saudi Arabian tanker near the Kingdom's Gulf coast May 16. On May 24, the Iraqis crippled a Liberian-registered oil-chemical carrier near the Saudi waters.

The Gulf Cooperation Council alliance countries — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman — have taken their case against Iran to the Arab League and the U.N. Security Council.

The 45-nation Organization of Islamic Conference has been firming up a new mediation bid to end the Gulf war, while Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat was talking about a new PLO initiative to defuse the conflict.

Arafat also told reporters in Kuwait about an Egyptian peace bid which, he said, "contains good ideas ... and I hope these will be heeded"

Worldwide alert for Arab airplane bombers

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON — The Arab believed to have been responsible for attempting to blow up an El Al flight from Zurich to Tel Aviv four years ago is believed ready to strike again.

According to *The Daily Telegraph*, a "worldwide alert" has been put out for Mohammed Rashid, a Jordanian, and his Moroccan wife Khadija, who are wanted for their alleged involvement in the suitcase-bomb campaign mounted by Abu Ibrahim, leader of the May 15 terrorist group. (The group takes its name from the date on which Israel achieved independence.)

The Rashids, the paper writes, were named by another Arab known as Fuad who was picked up by Greek police searching for the killers of the

British Council representative in Athens who was shot dead in March.

Fuad revealed to the Greek police that the Rashids were trained by Abu Ibrahim in Baghdad, "where he works under the protection of the Iraqi government." Abu Ibrahim is believed to have prepared a further five suitcase bombs, and it is feared that the Rashids may have access to them.

Ibrahim's targets, the paper says, "are believed to be American and Israeli planes."

The devices are made in such a way that the plane can make two or three stopover landings before they explode, thus giving the carrier the opportunity to disembark in safety. Another refinement is that X-rays cannot spot the explosive device, the paper says.

Sports

Capital run

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV — More than 700 men and women are expected to line up in Hebron Road near the capital's Liberty Bell Garden at 4 p.m. today to take part in Hapoel's inaugural Jerusalem international mini-marathon, which is being held as part of the annual Jerusalem Day celebrations. A dozen athletes from Italy and France are already here for the 21.1-kilometre race through the southern districts of the city, which Hapoel is organizing together with the local municipality. But the three participants expected from Zaire had still not arrived by last night.

A 2,000-plus entry is anticipated for the 5-km popular run for all comers, which is being held concurrently with the main event.

With *sharav* conditions forecast for today, 22 watering-stations will be at the disposal of the competitors in the "mini," director Giora Glazer said yesterday. From the Liberty Bell Garden, the race takes a route to Gilo and back. Local police, who will maintain a special security watch during the race, have promised to keep traffic disruptions to a minimum.

Italian Stefano Mazzoni is favourite for the men's title in the "mini" by virtue of having a best time for the distance of 1 hour, 54 minutes, 42 seconds. With local mini-marathon record holder Danny Felshteyn sidelined by injury, the second fastest man in the field is long-time local marathon champion Yair Karmi, whose best effort for the 21-km race is 1:45:00. Others with a chance are Eli Goffi's Tamer Ben, surprise winner of Moscow's first Jerusalem "mini" six weeks ago, Yehoshua Halkin and Aviv Kahane. Halkin plans to take part, following recovery from the injuries he sustained in the Ashdod bus hijack.

Favourite for the women's event is Zohara Shmueli, for whom the race will be part of her build-up for the Los Angeles Olympics marathon — with a target time for the "mini" of 1:17:00. Next in line are Itzhak Zelig (1:25:24) and Shmueli's younger sister Miral Shmueli, who took first place in Moscow's 21-km. Jerusalem run in 1:27:37. These three can expect a strong challenge from Irena Szydlow, runner-up to Shmueli in the Israeli 21-km race and winner of last year's Tel Aviv marathon and two Mount Tabor cross-country races.

The foreign entry is being backed up by both UN personnel serving in the area and kibbutz volunteers from many countries. Also among the participants in the mini-marathon will be 300 soldiers — among them members of crack paratrooper and commando units — while, in a new departure on the local running scene, 200 women from the Israel Defence Forces have signed up for the mini-run.

Polish question

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV — The Polish Tennis Association has cabled its Israeli counterparts to clarify if the Jerusalem courts where they are due to meet Israel in the Davis Cup next month are located in the east or west of the city. The cabled message came more than a week after the Poles had confirmed their participation in the June 14 to 16 tie at Jerusalem's Israel Tennis Centre, local tennis association spokesman Ilan Ben-Ami told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The association stressed in its reply, that this second-round European Zope "A" match is being played in the western part of Jerusalem, which has been under Israeli control since 1948.

"We presume that, with this clarification, the Polish team will go ahead with their previously agreed plan to come here next week for a full week of acclimatization training in Jerusalem," Ben-Ami added.

This will be Israel's first Davis Cup tie in the capital, all 20 home contests in the competition so far having been held in the Tel Aviv area. Two of these home matches were against East European opponents, Romania in 1971 and Hungary three years ago.

Rome's big game

ROME (Reuters) — A growing sense of occasion surrounds today's European Soccer Cup Final between Roma and Liverpool.

It is the game everyone has waited for since the competition began last September and there is cause for optimism that the Olympic Stadium here will be the scene of one of the most exciting finals in the 29-year history of the Champions' Cup.

Roma, rightly, are narrow favourites, though they will be well aware no Italian club has lifted the trophy since AC Milan did so in 1969.

Despite their glamorous line-up of Italian and Brazilian World Cup stars, Roma are novices in Europe compared with Liverpool, who are seeking their fourth victory.

Liverpool may feel the hostility of the Roman spectators — there will be 50,000 home supporters in the 75,000 crowd — but they certainly will not show it.

"It's not you on your toes when practically every fan in the ground seems to be against you," Graeme Souness, the Liverpool captain, said.

He pointed to Liverpool's away wins against Olympique, Bilbao, Benfica and Borussia in the Cup this season as proof of the team's pedigree in front of a hostile audience.

Joe Foweraker, manager of the Italian side, said: "I'm very content living in Chester (in North Wales) and I'm happy being able to walk about without the attention I would get in Italy," Rush said.

The game will be televised live on Israel Television at 9.15 p.m.

Rain stops French Open Baseball Monday

PARIS (AP) — Play was abandoned yesterday in the French Open Tennis championships because of rain.

One first round match was completed and three unfinished when officials announced there would be no more play until today.

In the only completed match, played by constant bride, French teenager Catherine Tanvier defeated Lucia Resnais of Romania 6-2, 7-5 on the Centre Court at Roland Garros.

Rugby win for tourists

EAST LONDON (AP) — The touring English rugby team beat a selection from the South African Rugby Association 30-8 on Tuesday. The English led 14-4 at halftime.

Poll in California shows Mondale, Hart almost even

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — Democratic presidential contenders Walter Mondale and Gary Hart are running almost even in the campaign for California, the biggest single primary election prize, according to an opinion poll published Monday.

Political experts said this could mean trouble for Hart, the Colorado senator, whose advisers have said he needs to win the state if he is to persuade the Democratic presidential convention in San Francisco in July that he has a better chance than former vice-president Mondale of beating President Ronald Reagan, the Republican candidate.

California, which sends 345 delegates to the convention, votes on June 5.

In the *Los Angeles Times* poll, conducted among 2,031 people between May 19 and 24, Hart was the choice of 29 per cent of Democrats likely to vote, Mondale of 28 per cent and the third candidate, Rev. Jesse Jackson, of 11 per cent.

According to unofficial estimates, Mondale has about 1,550 delegate votes towards the 1,967 needed to win the nomination. Hart has about 950 and Jackson 300.

Reagan would win 50 per cent of the vote and Hart 45 per cent if the presidential election were held today instead of in November, the poll predicted. It added that the president would defeat Mondale by 53 per cent to 40 per cent.

U.S. honours Vietnam War dead

WASHINGTON (AP) — An unidentified U.S. serviceman of the Vietnam War was buried here on Monday, taking his place with the dead of three other wars in this century who are "known but to God."

President Ronald Reagan led the nation's tribute to the unknown serviceman of Vietnam, bestowing the highest U.S. military decoration, the Medal of Honour.

The unknown soldier was one of 58,012 American soldiers to die in

the Vietnam War. Reagan urged Vietnam to help in establishing the fate of 2,489 missing U.S. servicemen.

As the remains rested on a bier over the open grave — behind the unknown soldier of World War I and between the unknowns of World War II and Korea — a rabbi said Kaddish and other chaplains intoned the Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Protestant prayers of committal.

The unidentified body had been kept in a morgue since being shipped from Vietnam.

Rival Moslems clash over running British mosque

READING, England (Reuters) — Police said yesterday they were investigating a series of violent incidents between rival Moslem groups in a dispute over the running of a mosque.

A police spokesman said 70 people praying at the mosque in Reading, southern England, were attacked by about 25 intruders brandishing knives and hockey sticks last Sunday.

The *Daily Telegraph* newspaper said that one man was slashed across the face and taken to a hospital where his condition was reported as

satisfactory. Several arrests were made.

In an earlier incident last week, two members of the Wahabi sect were attacked during a prayer meeting. One needed 12 stitches after being hit over the head with a wooden stool. Six men were arrested, police said.

SATELLITES — The Soviet Union yesterday blasted eight satellites into orbit aboard one booster rocket. Tass news agency reported in Moscow. It said the satellites, in the Cosmos series, carried scientific equipment for space exploration.

Botha arrives in Lisbon, will go on to Switzerland

LISBON — South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha arrived in Portugal yesterday for a two-day official visit, the first in an image-boosting tour of eight European nations.

Botha's specially-adapted Boeing 747 jumbo jet taxied to a corner of Lisbon Airport away from other traffic apparently for security reasons, and he crossed the runways by car to a guard of honour.

In Bern, however, the Swiss government will give a low-key treatment to what it calls a "semi-official" visit by Botha to Switzerland, a major trade partner of its country.

With the detailed itinerary still kept secret for security reasons, the Foreign Ministry confirmed that Botha and his entourage will be guests at a "courtesy lunch" to be hosted Friday by Swiss President Leon Schlumpf, who is also in charge of the Transport and Energy Ministry. No other member of the federal council, the seven-member executive, will be present.

"Mr. Botha has requested the meeting to explain the situation in South Africa," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. "This is not a state visit, it is a semi-official visit."

Foreign Minister Pierre Aubert's work schedule will not allow him to



P.W. Botha

attend the lunch, which was originally planned for tomorrow but was "put off in the last minute."

The press service of the Swiss Protestant church meanwhile published an open letter by various church groups calling on Schlumpf to "reconsider the opportunity of this visit" which they termed "undesirable" because South Africa's black majority are "still strangers in their homeland... despite all pretended reforms." (AP, Reuters)

Czech dissident freed after 5 years in prison

VIENNA (Reuters) — Peter Uhl, a prominent member of the Charter 77 Czechoslovak human rights movement, was released from prison yesterday after serving a five-year term on charges of subversion, emigre sources said in Vienna.

Uhl, 43, an engineer, was released exactly five years after being arrested together with five other charter signatories, including playwright Vaclav Havel, at the end of May 1979.

The trial, which drew widespread protests in the West, ended with sentences of between one and five years, of which Uhl's was the longest. He was sent to a strict penal regime because he had already served a four-year term in the early 1970s on similar charges.

Churchmen killed near Ugandan seminary

NAIROBI (Reuters) — The Ugandan government yesterday confirmed local press reports that churchmen were killed when government troops fought guerrillas near a seminary east of Kampala recently.

Ugandan Radio, monitored here, said it had learned with deep regret of the killing of churchmen at Namugongo, 15 kilometres east of Kampala.

A Kampala newspaper *Munira* reported that more than 20 people were feared killed in attacks at the seminary by heavily armed men wearing army uniforms.

Munira said that the Rev. Eriya Bazira, principal of the Anglican Church of Uganda Theological College at nearby Namirembe, was among those killed.

Ruling party wins big in Venezuelan election

CARACAS (AP) — President Jaime Lusinchi's Democratic Action party assured itself undisputed political control in Venezuela for the next four years with a resounding victory in municipal elections.

Preliminary results on Monday from the Supreme Electoral Council showed the government party with 46.3 per cent of the vote Sunday and the opposition Christian Democrats in distant second place with 20.6 per cent. Some estimates indicated that Democratic Action's final tally could reach 60 per cent.

UK airliner strikes deer on runway

NEWCASTLE, England (AP) — An airliner with 130 vacationers aboard made an emergency landing on Monday after striking a deer on a runway at Newcastle airport, an airline official said.

The Britannia Airways Boeing 737, bound for Palma, Majorca, struck the deer during an early-morning takeoff, an airline spokesman said. The animal was killed instantly.

The jet continued until ordered to land 320 kilometres to the south at Luton airport near London, where the plane was checked for damage, the spokesman said. The flight was delayed 45 minutes.

AMPUTATION — A convicted thief had his right hand and left foot publicly amputated yesterday in Khartoum after a martial law court found him guilty of stealing batteries and sheets of zinc, the Sudan news agency reported. It brings to 12 the number of individuals who have had limbs cut off since such punishment was introduced in Sudan.

Gromyko rejects queries about Sakharov

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, visibly irritated, told Australia's foreign minister yesterday that Moscow would not be instructed by outsiders how to deal with dissident Andrei Sakharov.

The Australian minister, Bill Hayden, told reporters that Gromyko had bluntly refused a request for information on Sakharov's health.

Hayden said he expressed concern about the case of Sakharov and his wife Yelena Bonner and asked about their present condition during the last of four rounds of talks with

Palestinian shot to death in Cyprus

NICOSIA (AP) — A Palestinian man, about 36, was found dead from gunshot wounds early yesterday on the Nicosia-Limassol highway, police and Palestinian sources reported.

His body was found by a taxi driver some 13 kilometres north of Limassol.

The driver saw two men in a car not far from the body, and when he started chasing them, they left the car in a ditch and escaped into the fields, one source, who refused to be identified, said.

The man was killed by one bullet in the right side of his head. An empty shell was found near his body, according to the source.

Minnesota gays leave notes with bombs

ST. CLOUD, Minnesota (AP) — Six pipe bombs were found and disarmed here Monday, the day after a trip-wired bomb was discovered in another Minnesota town 144 kilometres away, police said.

Notes from the "Gay (homosexual) Strike Task Force" were found with all the bombs, St. Cloud Police Chief Woody Bissett said.

The findings followed the discovery of six bombs in La Crosse, Wis., right across the state line from Minnesota. One person was hit by bomb debris in La Crosse, but otherwise, no injuries have been reported in the string of explosives found since Friday.

The six bombs were found after a rock thrown by a passerby touched off a hidden 15-cm pipe bomb Sunday morning in Stillwater, about 40km northeast of Minneapolis.

Stillwater Police Chief Wally Abrahamson said that the town's bomb was "identical" to the bombs found in La Crosse.

Abrahamson said that, to his knowledge, there has been no public conflict with homosexuals in the community.

N.Y. crowd beats, strips suspected thief

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Police rescued a bruised and bleeding robbery suspect after a crowd including his two alleged victims attacked him and stripped him nearly naked.

The suspect, identified as Raymond Francis, 21, was treated in hospital for injuries suffered during the melee in New York, police said yesterday.

"They punched him around pretty good — he was happy to see us," a police officer said. "When we got there, he just had his pants and socks."

Monday's incident began when a 59-year-old woman who had been

robbed five times before was followed home by a man who threw her against a wall and tried to remove a ring from her finger.

The woman said she punched the man in the eye and groin, then ran to her flat to get a kitchen knife.

The would-be robber fled a short distance, knocked down a 32-year-old woman and took four gold chains off her neck.

She, too, fought back, and with a crowd of bystanders chased the man, tackled and held him, while the first victim caught up and began beating him with her shoe as others tore off his clothing, police said.

Long terms sought for 2 'CIA spies'

WARSAW (Reuters) — A Polish military prosecutor has demanded prison terms of 25 and 15 years for a Pole and a West German accused of spying for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, newspapers reported yesterday.

The men, Jacek Jurzak and Norbert Adamaschek, were described by Interior Minister General Czeslaw Kiszczak as "dangerous and extremely harmful" when they were arrested together in southern Poland last November.

The daily *Zycie Warszawy* said they had acknowledged guilt during their trial by the Warsaw district military court and would be sentenced today.

The heavier jail term was sought for university engineer and former rally driver Jurzak who was allegedly to have sent 27 reports containing military, defence and political information to the CIA.

The Knesset Notice to the Public

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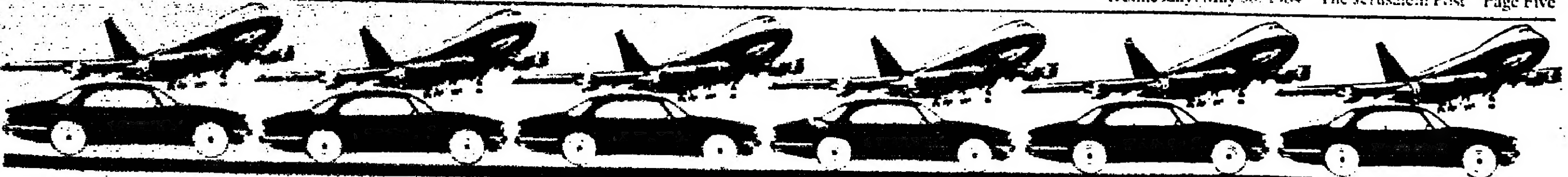
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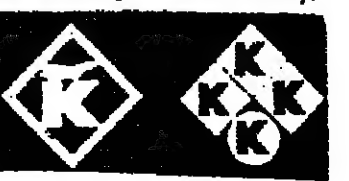
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In the Supreme Court sitting as a Court of Civil Appeals before the President, Justice Meir Shamgar, Justice Aharon Barak and Justice Eliezer Goldberg in the matter of the Attorney General, the appellant, versus A.B., the respondent.

IN JANUARY, 1983, the respondent, A.B., bore a son, and four days later signed a consent for his adoption. Since there was no such consent by his father, he was declared adoptable by the court and handed over to an adoptive family with whom he has since remained. A short while later the respondent told the welfare authorities she had made a mistake, and in June 1983, she moved the District Court for leave to withdraw the consent. The leave was granted, and the Attorney-General appealed to the Supreme Court.

In giving the first judgement of the Supreme Court, Justice Aharon Barak stressed the difficulties in deciding adoption cases in which the maintaining or severing of the relationship between a child and its parents was decided irrevocably, and the test applied, "the best interests of the child" was complicated, embracing many more elements that are unknown rather than known.

The respondent, an unmarried student of 23, became pregnant after relations with a married man of 43, the father of six. She had resolved while pregnant to give the child for adoption, for she wished to terminate her relationship with her lover, a member of an ultra-Orthodox sect (Haredim), who demanded that the child receive a *haredi* education. Moreover, her parents, members of the same sect, pressed her to take this step, and she realized the objective difficulties of a young woman in her position, without the support of a husband or other person in bringing up a child.

Thus she left the hospital without her child the day after he was born, leaving a farewell letter for him in which she explained the difficulties with which she was faced, and that it was for his own good that she had decided as she did. The child was then handed over to an adoptive family, who were bringing him up as an only child with devotion and love.

The respondent thereafter changed her mind, as the District Court found, genuinely and honestly. This change was induced partly by a change in the feelings of her parents, who were now prepared to assist her in raising the child. She was about to complete her studies, had secured part-time employment, and had leased a two-roomed apartment in which she wished to live with her son.

She was now able to make her own way with her own resources. The identity of the child's father was not known to the court, and there was little fear of any interference on his part. A further fact to be considered, which had only been disclosed after the District Court had given judgement, but which the parties had agreed to bring before the court, was that the child was deaf. The respondent had contracted measles in her second month of pregnancy, which she had not mentioned to anyone, resulting in the child's deafness and mental retardation in the future. This fact, however, had not weakened the respondent's desire to regain her child, nor the wish and readiness of the adoptive family to retain him.

THE PRESENT CASE, Justice Barak continued, was governed by section 10 of the Adoption of Children Law of 1981 which provides that "On the application of a parent, the court may invalidate his consent (to adoption) given before the birth of the adoptee or obtained by improper means, and it may, for special reasons which shall be recorded, permit a parent to withdraw his consent so long as the (final) adoption order has not been made."

This section gives no indication of what the "special reasons" are, but section 1(b) of the Adoption of Children Law provides that "An adoption order and any other decision under this Law, shall be made if the court is satisfied that they are in the best interests of the adoptee." But the question is what are the "best interests of the adoptee"? And there is also the question of the relationship between the interests of the child and those of its natural parents. The starting point must be that the natural family is the basic unit of society. Parents also have rights, and

WHEN Nathan Bar-Yaacov died in Jerusalem last month, Israel lost a distinguished diplomat and public servant; a staunch advocate of its ideals to its counterparts in the United States and other countries.

I, a friend and colleague of his, both in the labour movement and in diplomacy, lost a friend of long standing. He exemplified the best tradition of Israel's founding fathers. Nathan Bar-Yaacov and I first met in 1949. I was then legal counsel for the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO); he was the executive director of the Histadrut's international department. Before making aliyah, Nat Jackson — his name in his native Scotland — was an active member of the British Labour Party, and an important functionary in the activities of the Zionist Movement and the British branch of the Poale Zion. There was a nexus between his two activities — a commitment to social and economic justice in Britain, Israel, and other nations.

Nathan Bar-Yaacov made several trips to the U.S. Because of his background and personality, he was

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Consent and regret

LAW REPORT/Asher Felic Landau

not only obligations. The parents have the right to fulfill their obligations towards their children. Their emotional bond with their children is one of their most treasured possessions, and it is fully recognized by law.

The state is not entitled to take children away from their parents only because "the best interests of the children" so demand. Even "bad" parents are entitled to rear their children, and the tendency must be to preserve the unity of the family. In order to justify disrupting the autonomy and privacy of the family unit and removing a child from its natural parents, some special and exceptional ground must be shown. The welfare of the child alone is not sufficient. It is for this reason that many child victims of the Holocaust were reunited with their parents who refused to give them for adoption. Where, however, some other legal ground for so doing does exist, the welfare of the child becomes the central element in deciding where the child should be placed.

The legal grounds for removing a child from its parents are found in many laws such as the Youth (Care and Supervision) Law of 1960, the Legal Capacity and Guardianship Law of 1962, and also the Adoption of Children Law. Under section 13 of that Law the court may declare a child adoptable on the application of the Attorney-General on various grounds such as, for example, that the parents have abandoned the child. A special ground for intervention by the authorities is where parents have consented to the adoption.

Such consent in itself does not abolish the rights of the natural parents towards their child, which terminate only with the making of the final order of adoption. However, such consent affects the order of priorities of the various elements involved, for once it is given, the principal factor to be considered by the court is the welfare of the child, the rights of the parents now taking second place.

In considering, therefore, whether to permit a parent to withdraw his or her consent, the court must consider, firstly, the interests of the child, and then the interests of the natural parents. It must also weigh the interests of the adoptive parents, though the rights of the natural parents will be preferred, provided there is no difference as far as the welfare of the child is concerned.

"The best interests of the child" should be weighed on the basis of the facts of each particular case. Justice Barak said, and not on the basis of generalities. The court must judge what will be best for the child — its return to its parents if leave is given to withdraw the consent to adoption, or its remaining with the adoptive family. The choice is hard, based as it is on predictions as to future events about which little can be known at the time. Thus, the authority Mookin has said that: "The determination of what is 'best' or 'least' detrimental for a particular child is usually indeterminate and speculative. For most custody cases, existing psychological theories simply do not yield confident predictions of the effects of alternative custody dispositions. Moreover, even if accurate predictions were possible in most cases, our society today lacks any clear-cut consensus about the values to be used in determining what is 'best' or 'least' detrimental."

HOW CAN one gauge the damage to the child if he is to be removed from his adoptive parents, and what will be the damage in severing his links with his mother, and his growing up as an adoptee? There are those who hold that these are not really legal questions to be decided by judges, but until guidelines are laid down by the legislature itself, the court has no option but to weigh the alternatives by what it regards as the most appropriate considerations under the Adoption Law. Some au-

thorities believe that, "in the long run, the child's chances will be better if the law is less pretentious and ambitious in its aim, that is, if it confines itself to the avoidance of harm and acts in account with a few, even if modest, generally applicable short-term predictions."

Justice Barak did not accept this opinion, for an adoption order affects the child for the rest of his or her life, although the weight to be attached to short-term predictions is naturally greater than that relating to the remote future. The welfare of the child embraces not only his material but also his emotional well-being, and the situation must be judged taking into account both these elements jointly.

It must be presumed that a child is better off with his natural parents than with strangers. Justice Barak continued. On the other hand, an important factor in a child's life is continuity, and it has been said that: "Empirical research by child development specialists indicates that revocation of consent after a child has been placed with adoptive parents is rarely in the child's best interests. If an infant or young child is uprooted from adoptive parents with whom he or she has formed a parental attachment and is returned to a biological parent whom the child now regards as a stranger, permanent psychological damage may result."

Moreover, the longer the child is with his adoptive parents, the greater the damage if he is taken from them. What is a short period of time for an adult may seem to a young child like eternity.

Another point to be considered is that it is preferable to act on the basis of certainty than on assumption. Thus if the removal of the child from his adoptive parents will certainly cause him damage, while the benefit he will derive from being returned to his natural parents is only speculative, he should remain where he is. Justice Barak then reviewed several precedents of the Supreme Court illustrating the application of these principles.

JUSTICE BARAK then considered the scope of the "special reasons" required by section 10 of the Adoption Law for the withdrawal of the consent to adoption. The court must strike a balance between two demands of judicial policy. On the one hand there was the basic right of a child's natural parents and the necessity for upholding this right. On the other hand, there was the importance of encouraging adoptions and strengthening the willingness of adoptive parents to undertake the responsibilities involved. This willingness would be seriously impaired if the natural parents would be permitted to withdraw their consent whenever they pleased.

It was true that adoptive parents have no legal rights until a final adoption order is made, but account must be taken of the enormous emotional damage they would suffer if the child is taken from them. The desire of parents to withdraw their consent is in itself certainly not a "special reason." What is required is a change of circumstances, such as the marriage of the parents if the mother was unmarried, or a change in their economic situation, or in the attitude of their parents. It must be a serious and meaningful change, relating to the facts of each particular case.

Justice Barak then analysed the facts of the present case as before the District Court, and concluded that the best interests of the child demanded that he remain with his adoptive parents. The damage he would suffer if removed from them was serious, clear and immediate, and would also last into the future.

As against this, the advantages he would gain from being returned to his mother were dubious, for there was serious doubt whether, because of her own lack of maturity and the problems she would face, she would be able to bring him up adequately.

His conclusion was strengthened by the subsequent revelation of the child's deafness. This feature would impose upon those concerned an additional continuous and heavy burden. According to the experts, the respondent did not fully appreciate the difficulties she would face, and they were of the opinion that removing the child now from his adoptive parents would cause serious damage to his physical and emotional development.

For the above reasons, Judge Barak proposed that the appeal be allowed. He realized, he said, that this decision would be a serious blow to the respondent. She should, however, find comfort in the knowledge that her consent to the adoption was a brave act in the best interests of her child, and that it was for this very reason that the court now decided as it did.

JUSTICE Eliezer Goldberg agreed with Justice Barak. He would have hesitated, he said, to have interfered with the decision of the District Court, given after the child had been with its adoptive parents for only six months, were it not for the fact of the child's deafness, which had subsequently emerged. Although the whole case had to be judged on the basis of imponderables, it was not difficult to imagine the problems the respondent would face in bringing up a deaf child alone.

This task would impose upon her an almost unbearable emotional strain, and for the child her failure would be a tragedy. She had been described as weak and immature, and there was therefore a real fear that she would not be able to bear that burden. It was therefore in the child's interests that he should remain with his adoptive parents.

The President concurred with his colleagues. It was not enough, he said, for the purposes of section 10 of the Adoption Law, that a parent should change her mind. There had to be special reasons which, in the opinion of the court, were sufficient. The legislature, however, had not indicated what changed an "ordinary reason" into a "special reason" for this purpose. In some instances, such as in section 58 of the Penal Law of 1977 or section 63 of the Transport Ordinance (New Version), the normally unfettered discretion of the court was limited by the requirement that it record "the reasons" for its decision.

In other cases, such as in section 10 or in Rule 415 of the Civil Procedure Rules of 1963, the discretion was made even narrower by the requirement of "special reasons" for the decision, which have to be recorded. Since the Law says no more than this, the only inference is that "reasonable grounds", acceptable in ordinary circumstances, are not sufficient. There must be particularly weighty considerations that clearly justify the withdrawal of the consent. This means, he said, that there must be a meaningful change of circumstances such as that the child has not yet been fully integrated into the adoptive family, or that the mother has married and her husband is willing to share her responsibility.

Justice Shamgar agreed with Justice Barak in regard to the close and loving relationship between the child and its adoptive family. Nevertheless, he said, he would have hesitated to take the cruel and harsh decision of separating a mother from her son. After anxious consideration, however, he had agreed to do so mainly for the reason relied upon by Justice Goldberg, namely, the present state of health of the child and the special treatment and conditions which he now requires.

There was grave doubt whether a single young woman, who would sooner or later have to support herself and overcome her own problems alone, would be able to cope with such a burden. She was undoubtedly willing to do so, but the difficulties she will encounter, in addition to the attachment formed by the child to his adoptive family, the emotional crisis he will face, and his physical limitations, all weigh the scale in favour of his remaining with his adoptive family, while what remains on the other side could not create "special reasons" that would justify a special decision.

For the above reasons, the appeal was allowed.

Dr. Yosef Ben-Or, Senior Assistant State Attorney, appeared for the Attorney-General, and Advocate Bert Arwas for the respondent. The judgement was given on March 6, 1984.

Distinguished diplomat

an ideal representative of the Israeli labour movement. His winning personality and wholehearted commitment to the improvement of the lot of working people in Israel, the U.S. and elsewhere won him many friends in America and the international community.

In 1956 he was appointed labour attaché at the Israel Embassy in Washington. This was the beginning of his formal diplomatic career. As a former U.S. secretary of labour, I can bear witness that Bar-Yaacov was an extraordinarily effective labour attaché, accepted as a colleague by the American labour movement and as an expert in labour management matters by my government. He was invited to speak to innumerable labour conventions and was received by the AFL-CIO and its international labour unions as a respected, knowledgeable and trusted friend.

I recall that the late George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO,

expressed regret when Nat Bar-Yaacov was recalled to Israel to occupy important posts in the Foreign Ministry. Meany told me that he could not conceive of an Israel labour attaché more qualified, committed and acceptable than Bar-Yaacov.

During an official visit to Scandinavia in the late 60s, when Nathan Bar-Yaacov was serving as Israel's ambassador to Norway and Iceland, I learned that he was welcomed by Norway's Labour government not only as an esteemed representative

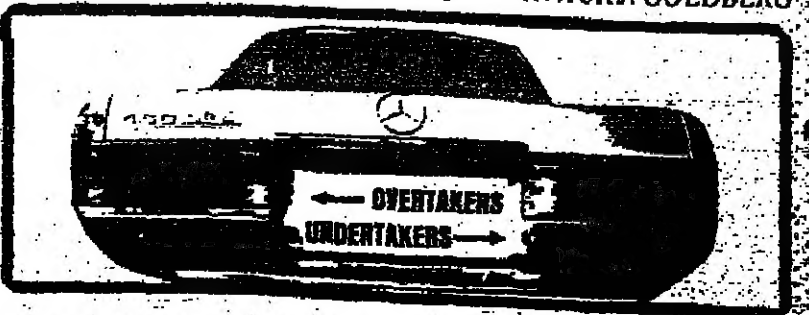
of his country but also as a long-time friend and colleague.

After completing this mission, he served the Israeli government in other important diplomatic and labour posts — delegate to the ILO, UNESCO, the World Health Organization and other international bodies where he won praise and commendation from many countries, including some without diplomatic relations with Israel.

Unfortunately, these strenuous assignments, both for the Histadrut and for the government of Israel, exacted a heavy toll and undoubtedly contributed to his untimely death.

We are all diminished by his passing.

ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG



A MAJOR storm has blown up in the American Jewish community over the visit to this country of the rabbi of Moscow's main synagogue.

Dov Aharoni Fisch, director of Herut-America, last week accused Rabbi Arthur Schneier, the chairman of the World Jewish Congress-American Section of "outrageous and criminal behaviour" for inviting Moscow's chief rabbi, Adolf Shayeich, to the WJC and for refusing to allow him to be asked questions that Schneier considered too provocative.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) released a statement on the visit, which said: "Sadly, Rabbi Shayeich is not free to speak either for the Russian Jewish community or even for himself."

Shayeich, spiritual leader of Moscow's Choral Synagogue, was in New York with 20 other visiting prelates and religious dignitaries from the Soviet Union on a three-week tour of the U.S. sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

Schneier, an Orthodox rabbi in Manhattan, and president of the Appeal for Conscience Foundation, an interfaith group which promotes contacts with religious leaders behind the iron curtain, has made numerous trips to the Soviet Union and East European countries.

According to him, it was his intervention with the Soviet authorities that won the right for Shayeich, 48, an electrician from Birobidzhan in Siberia, to attend a rabbinical seminary in Budapest. Shayeich was ordained by the Hungarian synagogue in 1980, and became the spiritual leader of Moscow's Choral Synagogue on the death of Rabbi Yakov Fishman last year.

THE STORM that blew up last week began at a luncheon of the Appeal for Conscience Foundation hosted by Schneier.

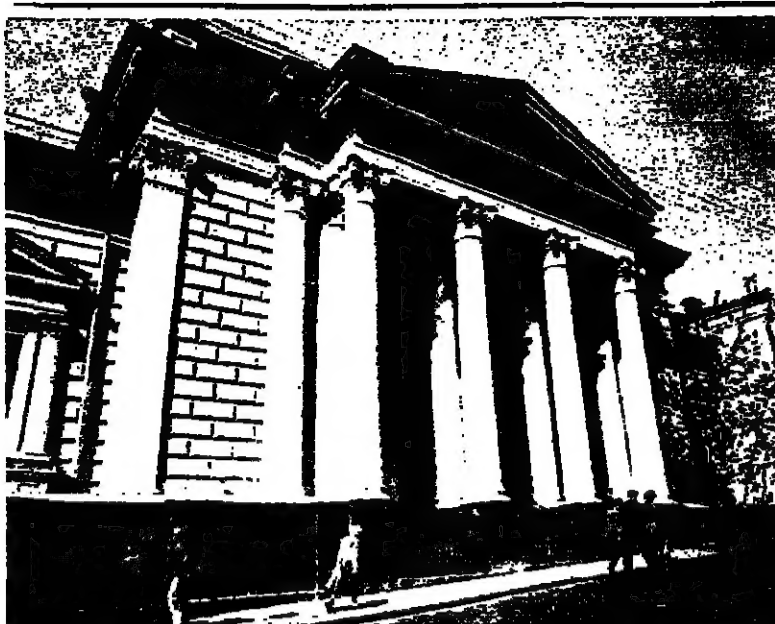
In response to a question from the London Jewish Chronicle reporter, Shayeich said that the recent Solidarity Sunday march for Soviet Jewry was "an anti-Soviet event, and not a pro-Jewish one." He added, "This event will have no effect whatsoever on the Soviet government, or the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union." Shayeich also said that the Soviet government "puts no barriers whatsoever" in the way of Jewish religious observance.

After leaving the luncheon, Shayeich and Schneier went to the closed-doors meeting of the WJC-American Section, where Shayeich made a 20-minute speech on the condition of Soviet Jewry.

According to sources at the meet-

ROW OVER RABBI

By WALTER RUBY/Post New York Correspondent



Moscow's main synagogue.

(David Fishberg)

ing, he said that despite rampant assimilation, a growing number of young Jews are returning to Judaism, and the Soviet government is allowing this to happen. He asserted that the Choral Synagogue publishes Hebrew religious books which are freely distributed to Jewish communities throughout the USSR.

Asked whether it was true that 200,000-400,000 Jews have been denied permission to leave the Soviet Union, Shayeich reportedly said the figure was grossly exaggerated.

ACCORDING TO Herut's Dov Fisch, "In his introduction of Shayeich to the WJC group, Schneier praised the Soviet government for allowing Shayeich to come here, and thanked the Soviets for their supposed help to the U.S. government in tracking down Nazi war criminals in Russia. Many at the meeting were embarrassed by Schneier's fawning and knee-bending attitude to the Soviet Union."

Fisch said that Schneier then refused to allow a question from one WJC member to Shayeich about Solidarity Sunday, calling the question inappropriate. "So," the Herut representative went on, "I got up and said to Schneier and those assembled that I considered it an

outrageous display on his part to parade this man before us to spout the Soviet line on the day after Solidarity Sunday. I said that I did not hold Shayeich himself responsible for this really criminal act towards the Soviet Jewry movement, since Shayeich is obviously not free to speak his true feelings. The man responsible for this outrage is Schneier himself."

Schneier refused to comment on the affair, on the grounds that he did not want to say anything that might jeopardize Shayeich or future contacts with Jews in the Soviet Union.

HOWEVER, David Geller, the JDC's director of European affairs said, "I felt that what Fisch said was out of place. I think everyone at the meeting understood that Shayeich would only say what he is allowed to say. Despite the limitations, though, I think it is better to have a Moscow synagogue and a rabbi to serve it than to have no rabbi or synagogue at all." Geller added, "I believe that while we need public demonstrations against the Soviet government's treatment of Jews, we also need someone like Schneier, who has been able to achieve things beneficial for Soviet Jews by working quietly behind the scenes."

Jerry Goodman, executive direc-

tor of the National Council on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) commented, "I think Fisch is taking an extreme position. It is wrong to say that Schneier's role was criminal."

According to Goodman, Shayeich last year applied to the Soviet authorities for permission to have Hebrew religious books delivered to Anatoly Shcharansky in prison in Siberia. "The authorities turned down the request, but it says something for Shayeich that he had the courage to make the request at all..."

The rabbi's visit to the U.S., said Goodman, "is a sticky situation, but I believe we should show a little mercy. Of course, Shayeich is not able to speak freely, but it is clear that he wants Jewish life in the Soviet Union to go on, and so do we."

In the statement he issued for the ADL, Dr. Ronald Sobel, chairman of its Inter-Relations Committee, commented that Shayeich's remarks on the Soviet Jewry rally "simply demonstrate the constraints upon him. How can this man possibly represent the Shcharanskys, Nudels, and the tens of thousands of Russian Jews forcibly prevented from achieving... emigration to Israel...? It is essential to understand that Shayeich holds his rabbinical position by grace of the Soviet government."

AT AROUND 7.07 a.m., as many people know, Alex Ansky's 707 on the Army Channel provides an easy-to-take rundown of the morning papers. In direct competition with the Second Channel's Morning News Magazine, Ansky provides some soothing extra dimensions, with no real loss of coverage of the latest front-page developments. There is the comforting presence of his voice as it roams the world with an occasional chuckle but, so far as I can notice, practically never a vocal sneer, no matter how preposterous the world gets.

I don't know how he manages this daily cheerfulness and I don't know when he gets up to begin to prepare for the programme. But for sheer morning jauntness I think this performance beats the average marital breakfast-table - assuming spouses do sit down together before the start of the morning round.

The advantages over the regular news magazine are several. First, the cheerfulness, as contrasted with the stern voice of even-handedness. Then, you don't really hear the news, much less see it, so you are spared the nuances of this or that nervous minister, and the complete description of the crime from the police reporter. You get a pleasantly processed selection, and an overall glance at more morning papers than anyone could ever read. There are no ads - this is the army - and the musical interludes are less intrusive than elsewhere.

Ansky's eye is always caught by the little off-beat "featurettes" (and who wouldn't be after a daily diet of hard news?). These are, anyway, the stories that people remember and tell each other during the rest of the day ("Did you hear about that 102-year-old woman in Paraguay who married a 6-year-old boy?").

Thus, on a recent morning, there was one memorable "good news" item about a very positive project developed by the postmen of Holon; instead of just delivering the

mail, they make a point of saying "Hello, is everything all right?" when they drop the bills at the homes of elderly people living alone, who may be in trouble unknown to anyone. This is a wonderful idea and all post offices might learn from Holon.

But still: I don't want to be difficult, but the degree to which we are cheered by such an item raises a large question about our view of human nature. Journalists are always being told to hunt for the good and not always for the bad, as though the latter were not the easier job. But if we consider "bad news" as newsworthy, we are assuming that the world is really a fine place and this or that development only an aberration worthy of note; while if we throw up our hats and sing songs of joy at some piece of "good news," we assume that people are pigs, and that any digression from expected piggish behaviour deserves a box on the front page.

ANOTHER LITTLE item that same day gave us a non-news piece of medical research: fat men, somebody somewhere proved, are more prone to heart attacks than other. Or was it strokes? And as Ansky pointed out, the Israeli paunch is really something. And our private internal television screens featured the last picture we saw on the beach.

Then there was the announcement about the new "Creative Arts" school opening in Tel Aviv, to teach drama, music, sculpture, painting and creative writing. A sort of Fame high school? Not at all: Tel Aviv does things more basically and will start at first grade. Ansky kept his usual cool on this one, though he was bemused enough to repeat it a day later, and did permit himself to say, "Well, so if you have a little Picasso in the house..." On the second occasion, noting that free transportation will be provided to the central Tel Aviv location, he

and provided unalloyed pleasure for the overflow audience. Beethoven's third quartet, though somewhat still showing Haydn's influence, indicates the great steps the young master had already taken in the six quartets of opus 18 towards his own individual language. Mozart's Quintet is a marvel of invention in its extended form and harmonic surprises, as well as its natural handling of counterpoint and capricious deviations in the flow of musical material. In the original score, the Menuet comes after the first move-

Youth and age

RADIO/Helga Dadman

added a vaguely outraged, "Yes, even that..."

Here the listener, provoked beyond endurance by such well-meaning nonsense, is free to shout back his reactions: "For heavens sake! Why don't you expert boobs do something about the regular schools, whose academic level assumes that children's capacities are about half of what they really are?" The "Gifted Child" industry provides a marvellous ego-trip for parents, who gain the right to make noises about their "gifted children." All children are gifted; whatever precise meaning this pretty term may have. Its part of being human, although the average healthy two-month old kitten has more intellectual curiosity than the average product of the Israeli elementary school system. (They tend to be fine through third grade; then they are turned off by many things and most God-given gifts deadened for good.) Aldous Huxley once said that all children are geniuses up to the age of 14, but after that, only one in a million: his figure of 14 applied to England, where they mature more slowly, and besides, that was a slower era.

There are, to be sure, a few very exceptional children, mostly in the fields of mathematics and music. (In painting, who is to say? Nobody has a clue about the paintings of grown-ups.) But these really extraordinary tots are not the ones whose mothers are going to drag them for enrolment at the new school; and that's a crowd of mothers I should not like to mingle with.

The widespread dislike of school is encouraged on all sides, and the media are far from blameless. Note that dreadful posed photograph we get every year in every paper, showing some crowd of kids "spontaneously" throwing their school bags into the air to celebrate the end of term.

WELL, The 707 listener, having fumed at such length, runs the risk of missing the next item. But I did catch another educational item that morning, one from England reported in the local press, to the effect that an expert has found that to increase a baby's intelligence (this does seem to be the rage) you should not talk baby-talk but give him reasonable messages, and that "infants are anxious to learn." The classic Israeli reaction to the fact that children are ready and eager for far more than is expected of them goes: "Oh, but let them enjoy their childhood for as long as possible." But with all the whimpering and whining and fighting and resentment that goes on - are they really so aflame with enjoyment?

I DON'T KNOW how many schools use the First Channel's School Broadcasts at 11.10 every morning. Most Israeli institutions have TV and video; perhaps it comes into its own in the Arab school network. This programme is a rather mixed bag.

One morning recently I heard an unimpressive effort for Jerusalem Day, about a girl born in Argentina who was brought to Jerusalem and

then moved to Beirut to be with her business-man husband, where she was active on behalf of the Jewish community and Israel and eventually imprisoned. A child curious about such things might wonder why business comes before Zionism; but then, her father told her, "You must follow your husband; that's what wives do." The interspersed songs were Yaffa Yarkoni to Jerusalem of Gold. All right for the aged, I suppose, but hardly sophisticated enough for the young.

On another morning, there was a nice little playlet (by Tova Herschikowitz) about two bright kids, Michal and Shlomo, which had plenty of positive elements. A book was being read; there was Jewish history, ethnic integration, archaeology, and the triumph of an ancient site over a new building construction. And it wasn't even a cemetery - just a prehistoric house!

Immediately following this, on Education for All (still on Channel One) came a discussion of the complex social problems of the aged - demography, health, housing, leisure, and all the rest. In other words, what awaits Michal and Shlomo in another 50 or 60 years. Only one thing is certain: if they learn how to learn, and think, and see, and imagine right now, they won't have any trouble with their "leisure" in the year 2034.

BACK TO 707. On the day of the second reference to art school for first grade, Ansky read a hard-hitting piece by Silvie Keshet on the government's refusal to channel funds for essential services for the bed-ridden aged. They can't vote, after all. Then came a story on the rise of violence against children, and the rise in pornographic films here using children as objects. Such a film has even been produced here locally - Blue and White blue - involving a six-month-old infant. And they talk about "Arab Mentality."

After the deep impact of this wonderful work, Schubert's thoughts about death, struggle and resignation, were nearly too much for intensive listening. Perhaps, therefore, it was good that the Brandis Quartet does not go in for emotional expression and dramatic exploitation of the works under their fingers, rather disciplining themselves to controlled performances which, however, never fail to convey the musical message at its best.

YOHANAN BOEHM

BRANDIS QUARTET, with Wolfram Christ, viola (Jerusalem Theatre, May 28). Beethoven: Quartet opus 18, No. 3 in D Major; Mozart: String Quintet, K.515 in C Major; Schubert: Quartet in D minor, D.810.

THE MOST positive impression made by the Brandis Quartet as a highly professional chamber ensemble was deepened in their second programme. A unanimity of intentions led to harmonious teamwork and elastic movement, so that even a certain underplaying of the dramatic was acceptable.

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ment and is then followed by the Andante. It is not quite clear why the ensemble chose to change the order even if this arrangement of the movements appears only in K.515 and K.516.

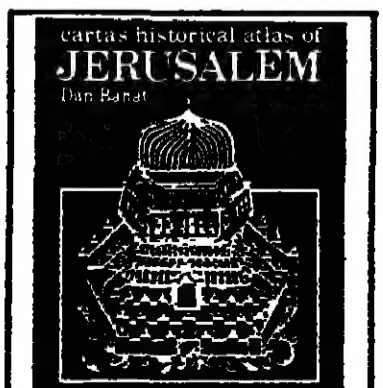
Wolfram Christ, the additional artist (on the first viola), proved a valuable asset, mastering his demanding part with technical fluency and adding beautiful tone and appropriate volume to the foursome's collec-

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Cohen-Orgad gives shares a boost

TEL AVIV. — The centre of activity swung from the bond market over to shares as prices rose sharply across the board in yesterday's trading. Volume in the share market rose and numerous issues advanced by large margins.

The bond market cooled off from the frenetic pace of trading seen on Sunday and Monday. Some sectors rose and others fell, leaving the bond index almost unchanged on the day.

The share market had what was undoubtedly its best day in several weeks, possibly since the end of March. Advances swamped declines by nearly 10 to 1. Half of the rising issues (190 out of 373) tacked on gains of more than 5 per cent, while 64 more found no sellers and were marked "buyers only." On the downside, only 9 issues fell by large margins, with one solitary share on the "sellers only" list.

The reason for the bout of buying was not hard to find. It was the announcement in the Knesset by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

Orgad of projected returns in the stock market. These reforms are to include the unifying of different classes of shares, so as to give all shareholders in a company equal voting rights. This was enough to spark a wave of interest on the part of traders and speculators.

The only fly in the ointment yesterday was the volume figure. While a turnover of IS593 million is an improvement over the dismal levels seen in many recent sessions, it is still far from satisfactory. Translated into dollars it amounts to less than \$3m. And with more than half of this represented by the "arrangement" bank share bonds, the actual amount of money changing hands in the "free" share market remains low.

Increase in travel and recreation allowances

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut and the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations, representing private employers, signed an agreement Monday revising the recreation and travel allowances of salaried workers.

From June 1, the employers' contribution to recreation and vacation expenses will be IS3,401 a day. Workers vacationing in Kupat

Holim Clalit hostels or in another recognized manner (such as organized tours) will receive a daily allowance of IS3,401.

Workers' paying value added tax on hotel expenses will have the money reimbursed. The travel allowance on public transport was raised by 9 per cent, to IS180 a day, retroactive to May 15. The allowance covers travel to and from work.

\$400m. expansion of Egyptian oil pipeline

CAIRO (AP). — Work has begun on a \$400 million project to expand the capacity of the Suez oil pipeline to 120 million tons annually, Al-Ahram reports.

The current capacity of the 333 km. twin pipeline which runs across Egypt from the Gulf of Suez to the Mediterranean west of Alexandria is 80 million tons annually.

The pipeline is a 50/50 partnership between Egypt's General Petroleum

Corporation and an Arab consortium composed of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi and Qatar. It was built at the cost of \$500m, to present a shortcut from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean.

Al-Ahram said Egypt will pay half of the cost of the expansion project, while Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi contribute \$50m. each. Qatar will provide the remaining \$20m.

If the positive turn taken yesterday extends for another several sessions, during which time the volume expands and other investors are drawn in, then the deeply entrenched pessimism of most of the investment community regarding the chances of a significant rally in the short-term will begin to be dispelled. There have been too many "false starts," when over-eager traders found themselves left holding quantities of shares for which no buyers appeared. Experience has taught the need for caution in the volatile markets seen this year.

Cynics, of whom there are many in financial circles, were quick to point out that a spell of rising prices on the share market would suit the Treasury very nicely at this juncture. It would help to reduce the flow of money into "black" dollars and lower the premium on illegal cash dollars over the official rate. It would also draw money out of the "grey" market for loans (that exist outside the commercial banks) and return it to the banking system for the purpose of playing the market. If the trend carried on long enough, it could even affect voting patterns on election day.

As against this, the suggested reforms, desirable though they may be, are unlikely to complete all the stages of the legislative procedure in the very short time left to the current Knesset.

In view of the background mutterings of "one swallow not making a summer" we shall have to wait for developments in the next day or two to provide a better picture of the emerging trend.

The single-day advance registered yesterday took the General Share Index up 3.5 per cent, while the non-bank index rose almost 5 per cent. Real estate shares showed a 6.55 per cent jump, but top billing went to the index of investment companies, which soared by no less than 7.1 per cent.

Announcements: Teva joined the list of companies planning rights issues with an offer of a new option series to existing shareholders. The options (series 4) will be issued at no cost on the ratio of 1 to each 10 shares held, and are exercisable at a price of IS50 until August 15, 1986.

Most active issues:

Mizrahi	3015	IS76.5m.	n.c.
Leumi	3195	IS84.2m.	+11
Hapoalim	5035	IS16.5m.	+160

Turnovers: IS599.3m.

Stocks: IS519.5m.

Bonds: 770

Issues up: 373

Issues down: 40

Commercial Banks

(not part of "arrangement")	Change	% change
Bank Leumi	2420	+170 +7.6
Bank Hapoalim	740	+60 +8.1
Bank Mizrahi	1571	+13 +0.8
N. American	1167	+77 +6.6
N. Am. up 1	2522	+24 +0.9
Dunat	302	+126 +41.7
Dunat 2	88	+187 +213.6
Dunat 3	113	+64 +56.6
First Int'l	147	+1955 +1324.5
First Int'l 2	411	+1027 +250.9

Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")

Change	% change
IDB	7345 +164 +2.2
IDB 2	7500 +5 +0.1
IDB 3	44000 +1 +0.0
Leumi	5510 +63 +1.1
Leumi 2	9650 +140 +1.4
Leumi 3	9705 +11 +0.1
Leumi 4	4960 +9 +0.2
Leumi 5	3015 +257 +8.5
Mizrahi	2976 +1 +0.0
Mizrahi 2	2166 +746 +34.4
Mizrahi 3	25100 +25 +0.1
Mizrahi 4	1355 +38 +2.8
Mizrahi 5	6980 +1 +0.0
Hapoalim	5035 +327 +6.5
Hapoalim 2	4960 +9 +0.2
Hapoalim 3	18683 +5 +0.0
Hapoalim 4	13550 +39 +0.3
Hapoalim 5	29850 +12 +0.0
General	9520 +12 +0.1
General 2	635 +40 +6.3
General 3	3195 +1290 +40.4
General 4	4300 +5 +0.1
General 5	1210 +237 +19.6
Finance Trade	4575 +5 +0.1
Finance Trade 2	2399 +4 +0.2
Finance Trade 3	3999 +2 +0.0

Real Estate, Building

Change	% change
Oren	183 +120 +65.6
Avim Prop	281 +764 +271.9
Avim Prop 2	212 +205 +96.7
Avim Prop 3	54 +396 +732.4
Avim Prop 4	40 +21 +52.5
Avim Prop 5	151 +601 +398.1
Avim Prop 6	124 +601 +484.7
Avim Prop 7	151 +601 +398.1
Avim Prop 8	124 +601 +484.7
Avim Prop 9	151 +601 +398.1
Avim Prop 10	124 +601 +484.7
Avim Prop 11	151 +601 +398.1
Avim Prop 12	124 +601 +484.7
Avim Prop 13	151 +601 +398.1
Avim Prop 14	124 +601 +484.7
Avim Prop 15	151 +601 +398.1
Avim Prop 16	124 +601 +484.7
Avim Prop 17	151 +601 +398.1
Avim Prop 18	124 +601 +484.7
Avim Prop 19	151 +601 +398.1
Avim Prop 20	124 +601 +484.7

Financial Institutions

Change	% change
Shiloh	417 +8 +1.9
Shiloh 2	98 +52 +5.3
Shiloh 3	10700 +1 +0.0
Shiloh 4	18000 +1000 +5.6
Shiloh 5	1117 +1 +0.1
Shiloh 6	1179 +1 +0.1
Shiloh 7	10000 +2 +0.0
Shiloh 8	1179 +1 +0.1
Shiloh 9	10000 +2 +0.0
Shiloh 10	1179 +1 +0.1
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Shiloh 16	1179 +1 +0.1
Shiloh 17	10000 +2 +0.0
Shiloh 18	1179 +1 +0.1
Shiloh 19	10000 +2 +0.0
Shiloh 20	1179 +1 +0.1

Insurance

Change	% change
Anglo	575 +168 +29.2
Anglo 2	410 +24 +5.9
Anglo 3	4322 +1 +0.0
Anglo 4	760 +5 +0.7
Anglo 5	270 +23 +8.5
Anglo 6	680 +0 +0.0
Anglo 7	181 +15 +8.3
Anglo 8	280 +12 +4.3
Anglo 9	147 +61 +41.5
Anglo 10	655 +326 +49.8
Anglo 11	— +0.0
Anglo 12	— +0.0
Anglo 13	— +0.0
Anglo 14	— +0.0
Anglo 15	— +0.0
Anglo 16	— +0.0
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Anglo 18	— +0.0
Anglo 19	— +0.0
Anglo 20	— +0.0

Bank of Israel exchange rates

Tuesday 29, 1984	IS
U.S. dollar	200.10
British sterling	276.61
German mark	73.109
French franc	23.773
Dutch guilder	64.673
Swiss franc	88.677
Swedish krona	24.771
Norwegian krone	25.626
Danish krone	19.925
Finnish mark	34.435
Canadian dollar	154.51
Australian dollar	179.68
South African rand	156.09
Belgian franc (10)	35.857
Austrian schilling (10)	104.05
Italian lire (100)	118.34
Japanese yen (100)	86.276
Irish pound	224.21
Spanish peseta (100)	130.19
Jordanian dinar	526.26
Lebanese lira	34.060
Egyptian pound	174.09

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Galer Zohar 3	430 +70 +16.3
Galer Zohar 4	480 +72 +15.0
Galer Zohar 5	372 +71 +19.1
Galer Zohar 6	314 +15 +4.8
Galer Zohar 7	285 +18 +6.3
Galer Zohar 8	126 +133 +105.6
Galer Zohar 9	121 +5 +4.2

Computers

Change	% change
Dunat	309 +10 +3.2
Dunat 2	640 +3 +0.5
Dunat 3	990 +3 +0.3
Dunat 4	463 +21 +4.6
Dunat 5	347 +39 +11.2
Dunat 6	466 +10 +2.2
Dunat 7	341 +10 +2.9
Dunat 8	111 +10 +9.0
Dunat 9	485 +25 +5.1
Dunat 10	273 +10 +3.7
Dunat 11	300 +10 +3.3
Dunat 12	300 +10 +3.3
Dunat 13	300 +10 +3.3
Dunat 14	300 +10 +3.3
Dunat 15	300 +10 +3.3
Dunat 16	300 +10 +3.3
Dunat 17	300 +10 +3.3
Dunat 18	300 +10 +3.3
Dunat 19	300 +10 +3.3
Dunat 20	300 +10 +3.3

Textiles and Clothing

Change	% change
Ork	137 +13 +9.5
Ork 2	81 +6 +7.3
Ork 3	390 +1 +0.3
Ork 4	349 +22 +6.3
Ork 5	115 +80 +69.6
Ork 6	104 +8 +7.7
Ork 7	67 +383 +571.2
Ork 8	41 +483 +1178.8
Ork 9	780 +3 +0.4
Ork 10	66 +61 +90.9
Ork 11	64 +61 +90.9
Ork 12	32 +855 +2640.6
Ork 13	319 +86 +27.0
Ork 14	210 +62 +29.5
Ork 15	92 +200 +217.8
Ork 16	65 +100 +153.8
Ork 17	42 +6 +14.3
Ork 18	150 +421 +280.7
Ork 19	96 +601 +626.1
Ork 20	161 +48 +29.8
Ork 21	95 +48 +50.5
Ork 22	151 +182 +120.6
Ork 23	69 +601 +871.1

Metals and Metal Products

Change	% change
Ork	265 +1 +0.4
Ork 2	261 +1 +0.4
Ork 3	1621 +4 +0.2
Ork 4	883 +61 +6.9
Ork 5	770 +20 +2.6
Ork 6	740 +3 +0.4
Ork 7	368 +18 +4.9
Ork 8	167 +70 +41.9
Ork 9	254 +19 +7.5
Ork 10	270 +29 +10.7
Ork 11	195 +11 +5.6
Ork 12	84 +6 +7.1
Ork 13	1338 +29 +2.2
Ork 14	286 +827 +289.1
Ork 15	185 +295 +156.2
Ork 16	102 +66 +64.7
Ork 17	286 +20 +7.0
Ork 18	347 +6 +1.7
Ork 19	216 +19 +8.8
Ork 20	233 +300 +128.8
Ork 21	157 +30 +19.1
Ork 22	330 +61 +18.5
Ork 23	520 +32 +6.2
Ork 24	110 +100 +90.9
Ork 25	399 +17 +4.3
Ork 26	266 +1 +0.4
Ork 27	502 +150 +29.9
Ork 28	465 +21 +4.5
Ork 29	345 +20 +5.8
Ork 30	427 +1 +0.2

Electronics, Optics

Change	% change
Ork	4435 +7 +0.2
Ork 2	26200 +1 +0.0
Ork 3	380 +5 +1.3
Ork 4	228 +1010 +442.6
Ork 5	237 +10 +4.2
Ork 6	192 +30 +15.6
Ork 7	855 +32 +3.7
Ork 8	561 +87 +15.5
Ork 9	4000 +5 +0.1
Ork 10	1930 +17 +0.9
Ork 11	1602 +101 +6.3
Ork 12	2290 +56 +2.4
Ork 13	1150 +10 +0.9
Ork 14	1089 +50 +4.6
Ork 15	3490 +10 +0.3
Ork 16	300 +20 +6.7
Ork 17	460 +1 +0.2
Ork 18	112 +144 +128.6
Ork 19	424 +68 +16.0
Ork 20	218 +225 +103.2
Ork 21	128 +60 +46.9
Ork 22	246 +71 +28.9
Ork 23	88 +61 +69.3
Ork 24	740 +33 +4.5
Ork 25	338 +283 +83.7
Ork 26	385 +120 +31.2
Ork 27	319 +30 +9.4

Building Materials

Change	% change
I.P. Industries	425 +14 +3.3
Alkal	75 +30 +40.0
Alkal 2	75 +30 +40.0
Alkal 3	444 +72 +16.3
Alkal 4	284 +35 +12.3
Alkal 5	895 +13 +1.5
Alkal 6	345 +1 +0.3
Alkal 7	129 +18 +14.0
Alkal 8	72 +40 +55.6
Alkal 9	42 +4 +9.5
Alkal 10	133 +122 +91.7
Alkal 11	77 +90 +117.0
Alkal 12	116 +22 +19.0
Alkal 13	985 +1 +0.1
Alkal 14	271 +1 +0.4
Alkal 15	138 +20 +14.5
Alkal 16	105 +130 +123.8
Alkal 17	330 +1 +0.3
Alkal 18	440 +23 +5.2

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